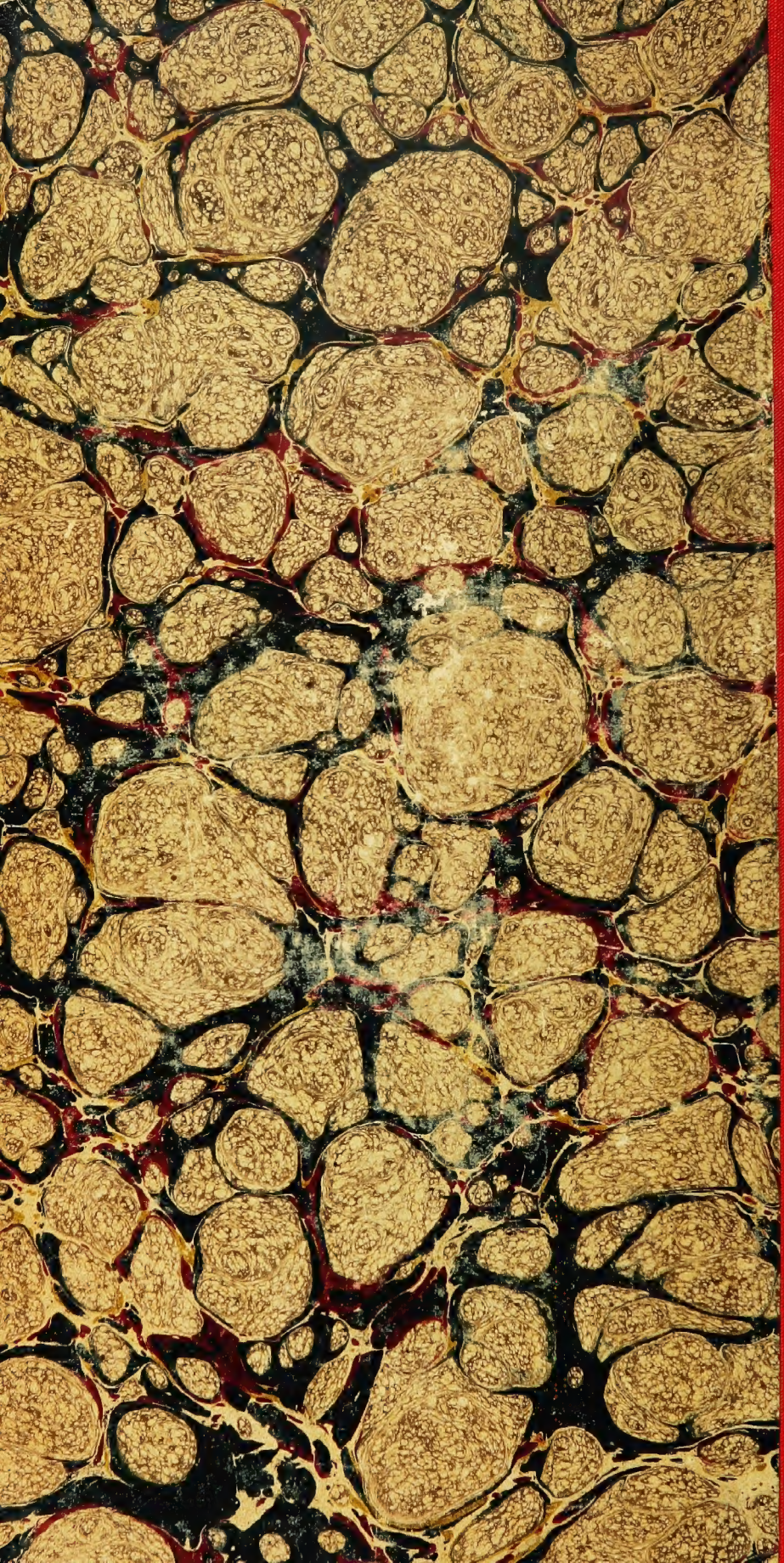

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INTRODUCTION.

The chapter library at Wells has been described by Canon C. M. Church, the subdean and sublibrarian, in *Archæologia* lvii, (1901, part 2, pp. 201-228). It consists of a long gallery above the eastern cloister, built during the fifteenth century, largely from a bequest made by bishop Bubwith. From the south transept of the cathedral a spiral staircase leads to the vestibule, which contains an overflow of books, several show cases, and other exhibits. Next is the library proper, with books in presses, upon most of which may be seen sockets intended to receive the iron rods to which each volume was once chained. At the further end is a square chamber with a fireplace, lighted by windows east and south overlooking the Camery. In this room are now kept the manuscripts and muniments of the dean and chapter; for a list of which I am mainly indebted to Canon Church.

Series i.—Original deeds, 835 in number, ranging in date from 958 to 1680 A.D. These were arranged chronologically in 36 boxes, and catalogued, by Mr. W. de Gray Birch, then of the British Museum, in 1881. A few selected specimens have been removed from the boxes and displayed in show cases.

Series ii.—Original papers, 86 in number, dated 1680-1812, similarly arranged in three boxes.

Series iii.—Other papers, 251 in number, dated 1510-1779, in four boxes.

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Register Books: *Liber Albus* i and ii, and *Liber Ruber*, of which a full description is given below.

Chapter Acts.—The series begins with the second section of the *Liber Ruber*, which covers the period 1487-1513. It is continued from 1571 to 1644, and again from 1664 to 1743, in ten volumes of Act Books. Others of later date than 1743 are in the keeping of the chapter clerk.

Ledger Books. These volumes, 15 in number, extend from 1535 to 1813. They contain principally a register of leases granted by the chapter, with some other entries.

Ministers' Accounts—

The Communar: in 35 rolls, 1327-1652, continued in books to the present time.

The Escheator: in 36 rolls, 1372-1560.

The Master of the Fabric: in rolls, 1390-1589, continued in books to the present time.

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The manors of the dean and chapter: various dates, 1690-1713. (1 vol.) See also '*Intraciones et Concessiones*' in the Stewards' or Entry Books.

The manors of the vicars choral: 41 Elizabeth to 12 James I.

A book containing—

Note of registers [registrars] sworn before Henry Bonner, J.P.

A Register of Marriages, 1653-1656, before Henry Bonner at Waston.

Matter of a different character at the other end.

Miscellaneous paper documents; including office copies, bundles of vouchers, etc.

Also the following manuscript books:—

Dean Cosyn's MS. Collections, 1506.

Bishop Creyghton's MS., '*Statuta Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Wellensis*,' seventeenth century, annotated by Canon Robert Wilson in the eighteenth century. A copy of this, made for Archbishop Laud in 1634, (Lambeth MS. 725,) was printed by Reynolds in his *Wells Cathedral*.

Nathaniel Chyle's MS. 'History of Wells,' *circa* 1680. (Reynolds, *Wells Cathedral*, i—cxcvi.)

A book containing copies of the charter of Queen Elizabeth, Bishop Bekinton's rules for the choristers, and new statutes of Henry VIII, signed by Thomas Cromwell as vicar general.

Archdeacon Archer's MSS., eighteenth century.
Chronicon Wellense, sive Annales.
Note Book.
The Long Book.
Rev. Richard Healey's MSS., seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.
The Jenkyns MSS., in 3 volumes, eighteenth century; compiled by Canons John and Richard Jenkyns.
Canon Payne's Note Book, eighteenth century.

The library contains also some theological MSS., such as a copy of the Vulgate in a very minute hand (wanting Genesis, i—xxv); two large books dated 1514 and 1517, with illuminated first pages and initials, the work of Peter Einauge (Petrus Magius Unoculus), presented to Hayles Abbey by Sir Christopher Urswyke, high almoner to King Henry VII., in memory of Sir John Huddleston whose executor he was, the first a Psalter, the other a Latin version of the Homilies of St. Chrysostom on St. Matthew's Gospel; *Isidori Junioris Etymologiarum Liber*, an early copy, it is said, of an Exeter MS.: and legal books, such as Clarke's *Praxis*, 1596 (two copies), one entitled *Brevia*, with forms of writs, others containing legal forms, procedure, etc. The title 'A President Book' on the back of one volume does not correspond with its contents.

This valuable and interesting collection of manuscripts has long engaged the attention of the Commissioners. Many years ago, the late Mr. Henry Thomas Riley was deputed to visit Wells on their behalf, and he printed (*First Report*, 1870, Appendix, pp. 93, 94) a brief description of the Registers and of a few other MS. books. After a subsequent visit, he added (*Third Report*, 1872, Appendix, pp. 350, 351) a catalogue of some of the original deeds, which had been, he reported, 'brought to light since his previous visit.' Mr. Riley also examined and briefly reported on the archives of the bishop's registry, the corporation of Wells, and the college of vicars choral. A few years later, the dean and chapter employed Mr. W. de Gray Birch, then of the British Museum, to arrange and catalogue their deeds and other original papers.

In 1885 the Commission issued a further and more detailed *Report on the MSS. of Wells Cathedral*, in a separate volume of 373 pages with an index. This report, the work of the late

Rev. James Arthur Bennett, rector of South Cadbury, contained calendars of, or extracts from, the following documents :—

Liber Albus i, p. 1.
Liber Ruber, p. 130.
Liber Albus ii, p. 151.
Ledger Book D, p. 222.
Ledger Book E, p. 232.
Act Book H. (1571-1599), p. 241.
Act Book (1591-1607), p. 248.
Act Book (1607-1621), p. 250.
Act Book (1621-1635), p. 252.
Ledger Book G., p. 257.
Act Book (1635-1644), p. 259.
Act Book (1664-1703), p. 263.
Bishop Godwin's Register,* p. 265.
Several papers, p. 271.
Ministers' Accounts—
Communar (1327-1561), p. 272.
Escheator (1327-1560), p. 280.
Master of the Fabric (1390-1565), p. 285.
Original Deeds (based upon Mr. Birch's Catalogue), p. 292.
An Account of the *gestum* or Christmas feast at North Curry (extracted from a roll of the custumal of that manor), p. 312.

In order to compress so much within the limits of a single volume, Mr. Bennett necessarily treated his materials in a very summary manner. Whole classes of documents were thus represented by a few brief extracts ; and even in those which he was able to calendar many details of general interest had to be omitted, while of some instruments a mere heading was all he could give. Now, therefore, that his *Report* is out of print, the Commission has decided not to reissue it, but to publish instead fuller abstracts of a part at all events of the collection. Accordingly the following pages contain a calendar of the register books, properly so called. The original intention was to include with them a catalogue of the original deeds now in possession of the dean and chapter ; but owing to considerations of space it has been found advisable to hold these over for the time being.

The register books of the dean and chapter are three in number, commonly known, from the colour of their covers, two of them as *Liber Albus*, the third as *Liber Ruber*. For the sake of brevity, however, Mr. Bennett and others have been in the habit of referring to them by numbers, in the order of their date, namely as R. I (*Liber Albus* i), R. II (*Liber Ruber*), and R. III (*Liber Albus* ii) ; and these short titles are here retained for the purpose

* This MS. has since been removed to the bishop's registry.

of reference, although, in the arrangement of my text, *Liber Albus* ii (R. III) has been placed immediately after *Liber Albus* i (R. I), both as next in bulk and importance, and as being more akin to the first in subject matter, while *Liber Ruber* (R. II), or rather the first section of it, is relegated to the end of this calendar.

The following is a detailed description of the three books.

Liber Albus I. (R. I.)

A parchment book of 292 leaves, bound in oak boards, and named from its white cover. The size over all is 13½ inches by 9¼, the leaves measuring 12¾ inches by 8½, but ff. 215-254 are smaller than the rest. The folios are numbered 2 to 299, wanting ff. 1, 5, 32, 42, 114, 221, 222 and 297. The contents range in date from the reign of Edward the Confessor to 1393. At the beginning is inserted an index by Mr. Healey, on several leaves of paper.

This book was evidently begun as a chartulary, and the earliest entries are the charters with rubricated numbers and titles, copied in a fair engrossing hand of the thirteenth century, a table of which is to be found on ff. 6, 7. The first of these charters are on f. 9, the last on f. 64; but the latest numbers (ccxli–ccxlvi, ff. 61–64) are in black ink, as are numbers cc, cci (f. 51), repeated later in red (f. 54). The scribe did not, however, cover all his parchment, but (besides the fly leaves, ff. 1–4 and 8) left sometimes part of a page, sometimes the back of a leaf, sometimes several leaves in succession; and these blank spaces have most of them been since filled, partly with copies of other documents, some in similar writing, others in a later hand, partly also with contemporary memoranda in a small current hand. Seeing that none of the rubricated charters seem to be later than 1240, while those with interpolated numbers in black (f. 51) bear date 1242, and the earliest dated memorandum is of 1246, we may with confidence infer that the book itself dates from 1240 or very shortly after. The remaining part of this register was gradually filled from time to time with matter of a more miscellaneous description, including many acts of the dean and chapter, and at one place a number of public charters and statutes. The book was kept, it appears, during the fourteenth century at all events, by the chancellor, who acted as registrar (pp. 171, 292, 532).

Liber Albus II. (R. III.)

A larger book with similar cover, written on vellum, its measurements over all being 15½ inches by 10¼, and the size of the leaf 14¾ inches by 9¾. On a fly leaf are certificates shewing that the register was produced in court on several occasions. Next comes a list of the contents, covering 10 folios, after which has been inserted an index by Mr. Healey. The register proper consists of 451 leaves, numbered from 1 to 457, wanting ff. 105–108 and 254, while f. 457 is but a strip; but ff. 313–328 are of different material to the rest, some of them cut, pieced and restored, and the last quire (f. 449 to the end), being again of different material and in a different hand, would seem to be an addition. The entries appear to have been written consecutively for the most part, not by a single hand, but in a fairly uniform script of about 1500. Handwriting of a different type however will be found on f. 448, and again from f. 449 to the end. The contents range in date from the eighth century to the end of the fifteenth, the supplement dated 1529 on f. 164 being apparently an interpolation.

As a chartulary, this volume covers a good deal of the same ground as R. I, but contains much new matter besides. Wanting the chapter acts and proceedings of the former register, we have here many additional charters, some of very early date, a number of papal documents, all defaced at the time of the Reformation, but fortunately still legible, perambulations of the Somerset forests, and custumals of several manors belonging to the dean and chapter, another copy of which Mr. Riley seems to have found in a book kept at the bishop's registry. In this register again may be observed a more or less systematic attempt at classification or grouping of subject matter. Thus deeds relating to Pucklechurch, Winscombe, Warminster, Shipham (with which some Chippenham deeds are mingled in manifest confusion), Stogursey, Whitchurch Canonicorum and other properties will be found together. One section contains a number of pardons and other patents, another consists of the custumals already mentioned, another of institutions of vicarages, another again of daily masses founded in the cathedral, while a number of apparently miscellaneous deeds occurring together towards the middle of the book have this in common that under each of them some rent or pension is payable to the church of Wells.

Liber Ruber (R. II.)

A volume named again from its cover, which is now of dark red morocco of no great age. The oak boards measure 12¾ inches by 8½. Next to them the binders have placed eight leaves and four strips of parchment (four leaves and two strips at each end), covered with writing in a book hand probably of the thirteenth century, with capitals in four colours. The last four leaves are cut along the upper edge. Examination shews that they once formed part of a *collectarium*; and mention may be made of two English saints, St. Aidan and St. Ceolfrid, whose names are found on the sixth leaf in the collect immediately preceding that for St. Denis (October 9).

This volume consists of two separate books bound together. Section i, dating from the fourteenth century, is a parchment book, or rather a collection of 77 parchment leaves of different sizes and two strips of parchment sewn together, an index on paper by Mr. Healey being first inserted. In it is found a list of the rubricated charters in R. I, and a number of deeds and statutes, together with a collection of cases, visitation rolls, and other materials bearing especially upon certain vexed questions of jurisdiction. These belong, most of them, to the first half of the fourteenth century; but a later entry will be noticed on f. 30 (p. 532). The order to compile a new chartulary, which is found among the statutes of 1331 (f. 25, see p. 532), was perhaps never carried out; at all events no such chartulary is known to exist, or to have ever existed.

Section ii, not dealt with in this calendar, is not a register but a book of acts of the chapter. It contains 209 leaves of paper, numbered 6–213, wanting ff. 1–5, with a leaf not numbered after f. 48, and another after f. 125. The acts extend from the year 1487 to 1513.

In this calendar instruments known to be already accessible in print are in most cases noticed somewhat briefly, references being added to shew where a fuller text may be found. For example, there are a number of charters earlier than the Norman conquest, but all of them have been published by collectors of Saxon documents; and the brief chronicle of the bishopric which has been called 'the Canon of Wells' (R. III, ff. 296–302, p. 454)

appears in Wharton's *Anglia Sacra*. It happens again not infrequently that the same instrument is repeated, sometimes in all three register books, most often in R. I and R. III, occasionally more than once in the same register. In such instances the plan here followed has been to print an abstract at the first place where the entry occurs, collating the text of other copies, noting their variations, if any, and appending exact references to them, and to omit all notice of it on the later occasions. Exception has been made in the case of one or two mutilated copies which are found later in more perfect condition, and in that of a few charters in R. III, grouped with others bearing upon the same subject, where for completeness' sake a short notice is given with a reference back to the fuller abstract. As might be anticipated, the earlier text is on the whole the more trustworthy; but there are cases where R. I is corrected by R. III, and the latter is often the more complete, adding especially the names of many witnesses omitted by the earlier copyist.

At this point a word of grateful acknowledgment is due to others who in past times have displayed much zeal and industry in annotating and digesting these registers, especially the Ven. Edmund Archer, Archdeacon of Taunton 1712–1726 and of Wells 1726–1736, and to the Rev. Richard Healey, a former librarian and clerk to the chapter, afterwards prebendary of Dinder, who died in 1736. At first sight, it must be owned, the notes they scattered freely in the margin are apt to rouse a certain resentment, particulary those in Archdeacon Archer's untidy hand, which are in places a sad disfigurement. Yet their careful and accurate system of cross references must have cost a vast amount of labour, and has proved to be of very material assistance in preparing this calendar.

The three books are, on the whole, in good condition, and most of the text is not difficult to decipher. Exception must however be made in regard to portions of R. I, where the writing is small and the ink faint. One entry on f. 97 is completely gone, and so is another on f. 99. Just a leaf or two has been torn. Passages will be noticed which proved illegible, wholly or in part, others in which a word or words are lost. There are a few also in which the text is manifestly corrupt. The later copyist is caught tripping in regard to proper names, as when he misread Maurice de Creon and gave Oreover instead, and also in regard to capital

letters, writing Oxford for Exeter, spelling Lodhuish with a D, and chief justice Belknap with the same initial, or calling the same person Bele on one page and Gele on another. There are one or two more names about which he was apparently unable to make up his mind.

Other difficulties of interpretation may perhaps occasionally be due to some error of the kind. A conjectural translation has been hazarded for the meaningless word *caweti* (p. 269), where the *w* probably represents *lk* sloped backwards. Following the *alba virga* of p. 5, it was tempting to conjecture *ad canistr' emendand'* for *ad capistr' emend'*. There are a few other phrases, such as *blestiatus et katia*, *baticium ad campipartem*, which the editor has not ventured to render; nor has he succeeded in finding an English equivalent for *berebrettus*, a manorial officer several times mentioned, or even for *gestum*, the Christmas feast and drinking, unless this should be wassail. For *aquebajulus* ewer has been suggested, but that word seems to stand rather for *aquarius*, nor is it known to the *New English Dictionary* exactly in the sense required. *Meribon* may probably be nothing but the vernacular marrow bone in a strange dress; but *averoc* looks as little like English as Latin, though the context makes its meaning fairly clear, and the alternative form *averet* might well be French.

The contents of these registers are of very varied interest. On the one hand they furnish a history of the cathedral body in its internal and external relations; on the other they are a mine of information upon local history, while at the same time they afford constant illustrations of medieval life in its different aspects, social and ecclesiastical. Much may be learned here about the rich pasture lands of the Somerset levels, their drainage, water rights and enclosure, with occasional estimates of the value of labour and of live stock. We read of vain attempts to establish a market town on the edge of the marshes at North Curry, and a port upon the Axe. We have also many notices of monastic institutions, and still more of the parish churches of the diocese, as well as of a few outside. Nor are materials for manorial history lacking. Of Combe St. Nicholas there is a conveyance from the Edwardian tenant named in Domesday. Those whose concern is with local families will find much to their purpose, as for example a correction of the Stourton pedigree on p. 395, a clue to the true origin of the Rodneys on p. 160, and on

p. 144 a very remarkable hint as to the early history and connections of the powerful house of the Marshals.

But the main interest centres in the church of Wells. Here may be traced its growth from the comparatively small and obscure community of bishop Giso into a rich and important body, after the new constitution of bishop Robert, and the benefactions lavished upon it especially in bishop Joscelin's time. The neighbouring churches of Bath and Glastonbury, with their wealth and prestige, were formidable rivals. No doubt as a counterpoise to the latter, efforts were made to set up a local shrine, and secure a saint of their own, by the canonisation of one of their bishops. Unfortunately, while a general statement of his claims to the honour was copied in the register, the schedule of miracles performed at his tomb was not. Questions arose from time to time with rival churches, with the bishop, the crown, and with Rome: domestic differences, questions of jurisdiction, pecuniary troubles, difficulties of discipline. Like other churches, Wells suffered under the increasing burden of the papal provisions. Separate communities, such as that of the vicars choral, grew up in time under the shelter of the cathedral. Of all this, and much besides, details will be found in the following pages.

In conclusion, thanks are due to the dean and chapter of Wells for placing their registers at the disposal of the Commission, and allowing them to remain at the Public Record Office during the preparation of this calendar; and especially to Canon Church, who has himself done so much towards elucidating the early history of this cathedral and chapter. His book upon the subject has been constantly at my elbow during the progress of this work; and I am grateful to him for much personal encouragement and help as well.

I am also greatly indebted for advice and assistance to Sir H. C. Maxwell Lyte, K.C.B., the Acting Commissioner, who has exceptional knowledge of the history and topography of Somerset, and to several of his colleagues at the Public Record Office, especially Mr. C. Johnson, whose knowledge of ecclesiastical antiquities has been freely placed at my service. I am under a similar obligation to Mr. G. J. Turner, of Lincoln's Inn, for assistance on many points of detail, particularly those concerned with the technicalities of early law.

W. H. B. BIRD.

ERRATA.

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p. 48, l. 30. R.II, f. 35. The reference is of no value. *See rather* R.III, ff. 381*d*., 382 (p. 489).

p. 94, l. 6. *For* chapel *read* chapter.

p. 97, l. 12. *For* Eston '*minor*' *read* Eston Minor.

p. 141, l. 16. *For* building (*fabrica*) *read* smithy.

p. 165, l. 5. brother (*germanus*). The provost was in fact uncle to Thomas.

p. 214, l. 20. *For quatimus read quatinus.*

p. 283, l. 31. *For* Philip *read* John.

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LIBER ALBUS I.

Grant and bond of the master and brethren of St. John's hospital Bristol, to maintain the chapel of the Holy Ghost in the churchyard of St. Mary of Radeclive, built by Master Henry Tessun formerly precentor of Wells, canon of Salisbury of the prebend of Bedmynstre, when archdeacon of Bath, who by will appointed that the office of the dead should be therein performed for ever: to find a secular chaplain with a clerk or one of their brethren to serve the same, who shall first take an oath to the rector of the prebend of Bedmynstre for the indemnification of the said prebend, and shall daily sing *placebo*, *dirige*, and morning mass, according to the use of the church of Salisbury, for the souls of Herbert, Robert and William bishops of Salisbury, Joscelin, Roger and William bishops of Bath and Wells, the said precentor, his ancestors and successors, rectors of the said prebend, Master Walter de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Taunton (for that the said archdeacon added the precentor's name in the daily mass which he appointed in the great church of Wells at the altar of the holy Saviour which the said precentor set up, and in the bond for the same which he procured), and of all benefactors of the work, and all resting in the said churchyard: also to find bread and wine for poor chapels and churches* of the archdeaconry of Bath requesting the same by way of charity: to render yearly on the vigil of the said precentor's obit (namely the ides of August) to the communar of the chapter for the time being one mark, to be by him divided among the canons and clerks of the said church present at his anniversary, or absent only from infirmity: the celebrant to be presented every year in the chapter at Wells, and approved by the archdeacon of Bath, and this instrument to be read; no priest to officiate two years in succession: submitting themselves for these purposes to the bishop of Bath and Wells or his official for the time being. In recompense for which the executors of the said precentor have given them 63 marks to purchase a perpetual rent towards the repair of their house, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and in accordance with his will have assigned to them a rent with the appurtenances by the churchyard of Radeclive which he purchased of Peter son and heir

of Peter the clerk of Bristol for 20 marks, and a rent which he purchased of John Thurbern near the said churchyard, saving the ancient rent of the rector and church of Radeclive from the said lands and messuages, and have rendered to them all charters, etc. Three copies of this instrument, one remaining in the said hospital, a second in the treasury of Wells, and the third in the church of Bedminster. Sealed by brother Elyas, master of the said hospital, with his own and the common seal, and by the said archdeacon of Taunton for the executors. Dated 1254, Sunday after the Epiphany.

R.I. f. 2 (defective, commencing at *) : III. f. 180.

Inspeximus and confirmation of the above by W. bishop of Bath [and Wells].

R.I. f. 2 (defective).

Four petitions to the pope, and a short memorandum, which follow (f. 2*d*.) are repeated, f. 96; below, p. 120.

Grant by Walter de Andely knight to . . . bishop of Bath and Wells, of four acres of land in Stokgummer in a great *cultura* between Prestun and Stokgummer, and the advowson of Stokgummer church, to hold of him and his heirs in frank almoin, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir William de Fortibus, Sir Nicholas Poinz, Sir Philip de Columbariis, ... Henry Luvel, John de Aure, William Everard, William Marmiun, War . . . . . .

R.I. f. 3 (defective).

Fine levied at Westminster in the quinzaine of [the Purification 43] Henry III, between William bishop of Bath plaintiff (by Master Richard de S[tanes his attorney]), and Walter de Andeby (*sic*) impedient, of four [acres of land] in Stokgummer and the advowson of the church there.

R.I. f. 3 (defective. See Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 182.)

Three charters (defective) which follow (f. 3*d*.) are repeated, two in the body of the Register (ff. 107*d*., 89), and the third in R. III. f. 124; below, pp. 145, 109, 376.

Fine levied at Westminster in the octave of St. John Baptist 13 Edward I, between Robert Dandely demandant, and Master Thomas de Button dean of Wells and the chapter tenants (by Hugh de la Hele their attorney), of four acres of land and the advowson of Stokgummer, whereof an assize of last presentation was summoned between them, assuring the same to the dean and chapter.

R.I. f. 4. (Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 264.)

Fine levied in the king's court at Wilton three weeks after Easter 33 Henry III before the justices in eyre, between Thomas parson of Stokegumer plaintiff, and Henry prior of Goldclive deforciant, of two crops of one acre of oats and one quarter of wheat, arrears of an annual rent of the crop of one acre of oats and half a quarter of wheat due to the said

Thomas [at] Monekesselver : the prior and his successors to pay the said rent yearly in future to the said Thomas and his successors at Monekesselver, and the said Thomas remits the arrears and all damages.

R.I. f. 4*d*. (Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 148.)

Memorandum that in 1287 on the vigil of the Assumption at vespers there was a solemn procession to the altar in the chapel of the Virgin at the petition of Hugh Rufus of Dychesgate, who gave to the dean and chapter, to the honour of the Virgin, half a mark yearly of the houses which he inhabits, to be distributed for his soul to those present at the said procession.

R.I. f. 4*d*. (Repeated f. 120*d*., where it is upside down.)

(f. 5 wanting.)

Table of contents of the numbered charters following (ff. 9—61) with a few additions. R.I. ff. 6, 7.

Received, the king's writ to summon . . . . prior of Montacute, Nicol de Meriet, Ph[ilip] Denebaud and William Lup . . . . . on the information of his bailiffs of Exeter (by Walter Gervase and John de Exon' of county Devon), to shew cause why they take toll, stallage . . . . . of Exeter contrary to the liberties granted by the charters of his predecessors.

R.I. f. 8 (defective).

Transmission by R. de Scures bailiff of Wells, to the bailiff of Nortchur', of a writ of King H[enry III] addressed to W. bishop of Winchester, commanding him to right Robert de Columbariis concerning two carucates of land in Hach, which he claims to hold of the said bishop by the service of one knight's fee, but is deforced by the dean and chapter of St. Andrew's Wells, and directing the said bailiff to summon the dean and chapter to the next county court.

Memorandum that a day was set at the Bench in London on the octave of St. John.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that on Sunday before the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1246, Thomas precentor of Bath, Master John de . . . . sent on behalf of the prior and convent of Bath, brought with them to (?) Bath the following writings sealed by the chapter of Wells, namely an accord between the churches, the date whereof is to be altered, a confirmation of the same, a confirmation of goods, and a confirmation in duplicate of liberties concerning murders and amercements, five in all, to be sealed anew because of faults in them.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that on St. Jerome's day, Gilbert de Dunstorre brought two pairs of writings concerning the confirmation of an

accord bearing the chapter seal, and other documents relating to the same matter, and the appropriation of the church of Suthstok, whereof they had previously one pair.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that previously '*dum fui circa visitacionem faciendam*' they had one pair concerning the confirmation of Suthstok, as I heard from the treasurer.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that on the vigil of St. Denis, Walter the sacrist of Bath brought a pair of letters concerning the confirmation of the church of Suthstok, reciting the bishop's grant of the said church with the chapel of Cumba, and promised to bring back others which they had before.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that on St. Nichasius' day, Th[omas] the precentor of Bath and Master Th[omas] brought back two pairs of confirmations concerning the church of Suthstok, not including the chapel of Cumba, and other documents.

R.I. f. 8.

Memorandum that on Monday the morrow of St. Hilary 1246, arrived letters from King Henry addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells, dated Werwell 20 December xx[xi] Henry [III], summoning the dean and five representatives of the chapter to a council in London on the morrow of the [Purification].

R.I. f. 8.

. . . . . of Bath to the bailiff of Cury, enclosing the king's writ reciting that at an inquisition held by the sheriff of Somerset it was found that J. formerly . . . . . to the dean and chapter of Wells the amercements of his men and . . . . . and that the dean and chapter were in possession thereof while . . . . . and enjoining . . . to . . . . . the same to the dean and chapter from the death of the said bishop.

R.I. f. 8*d* (defective).

Notification by the chapter of Wells to N. archdeacon of Salisbury, dated iv id. January 1247, that during the vacancy of the see they have appointed Master Adam de Gessiz and Gilbert de Sarum proctors to collect a subsidy to the pope from the manors of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury within his archdeaconry.

Similar notifications to the archdeacons of Wiltshire, Berkshire and Dorset.

R.I., f. 8*d*.

Writing of the dean and chapter, reciting that W. bishop of Bath and Wells claimed the fruits of vacant benefices, granted to them by his predecessors and in their possession for more than 40 years, but withdrew his claim on perusing their evidences; and granting to him for life two thirds thereof, without prejudice to their rights. Witnesses: H. Tesson precentor, H. de Lond[on] treasurer of Wells, Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, H. sub-dean, N. succentor, W. provost of Cumba, Luke de Mombir' (Membiry), W. de Cusint[on], J. de Teynt[on], J. de Hereford, J. de Sutton, A. de Gessich, E. de Badestan, R. Giffard, W. de Purle, J. de Derham, J. le Fort, J. de Butt[on] canons of Wells. Dated Wells, id. Decemb. 1249.

R.I. f. 8*d*.

A similar instrument, in the name of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, of the same date, with the same witnesses.

R. II. f. 15*d*.

Memorandum that on St. Lawrence' day 1251 the chapter of Wells granted to Sir Richard de Button, who on the feast of . . . . . was canon of the prebend late of Luke de Membiry, the houses which were of Elyas the chaplain, provided that he should perform yearly the obit of the said Elyas, and provided that he should restore a piece of land which Luke had occupied of that which was of W. Buch', formerly held of the chapter by the said Luke.

R. I. f. 8*d*.

Memorandum that on the Assumption 1251 the chapter of Wells granted to John de Derham canon . . . . . the houses which were of Luke de Membiry, built by him on a piece of land of the chapter which William Buch gave for his wife's soul, at a rent of one mark, namely half a mark to be distributed in the choir on her anniversary, and half a mark on the anniversary of the said Luke, and he shall have again another piece of land which the said Luke had occupied, and Richard de Button ought to restore to him.

R. I. f 8*d*.

Customs which the church of Pilton ought to have in the park of Pilton and without: with the lord's oxen eight oxen, five cows, one bull, one plough horse, and thirty pigs with the lord's pigs quit of pannage; one load of dead wood, and one pension against Christmas, a corrody for eight men as villeins have, half a load of oats for his horse, and one penny *cum alba virga ad capistr' emend'*, fencing for his curtilage and meadows, of the lord's churchset ten hens at Martinmas, one cheese at the Ascension, and against Easter one bushel of wheat.

R.I. f. 8*d*.

Memorandum that on the feast of the seven brethren 1253, when William de Otteford vicar of the church of Wells craved leave of absence of the chapter until Michaelmas, as well for the account he ought to render to the executors of J. dean of Wells as for wheat, etc. to be saved in Kent, they refused leave, but let him well conceal . . . . . vigil of Michaelmas or the morrow and . . . . . as vicar in his . . . . . or send the chapter . . . . . his vicarage.

R.I. f. 8*d.* (defective).

i. Charter of King Richard [I] giving to the church of St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors in frank almoin his manor, advowson, and hundred of Northcuri, with all liberties. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Durham, Godfrey bishop of Winchester, Hugh bishop of Chester, Hubert bishop of Salisbury, Earl Hamelin de Warenn', Earl Robert of Leicester, Earl Richard of Clare, William Mariscallus, John his brother, William de Forz, Henry de Longo Campo, Roger de Pratell[is], John his brother, William de St. John, Geoffrey son of Peter, Ralph son of Godfrey the king's chamberlain, Hugh Bard', Robert de Witefeld. Dated Canterbury, 27 November 1 Richard I, by the hand of the elect of Ely, chancellor.

R.I. f 9: III. f. 25. See the *inspeximus*, R.I. f. 280*d.*; III. f. 27.

ii. Order of King Richard [I] to the men of Northcuri, reciting the above gift, to regard the bishop as their lord. Tested by H[ugh] bishop of Durham, Canterbury, 4 December.

R.I. f. 9: III. f. 25.

Charter of King John confirming grants made by King Richard [I] and by himself while count of Mortain to the church and canons of St. Andrew Wells, of the manor, hundred, and church of Northcuri with the land of Hacche and Wrentis, and warranty. Witnesses: Geoffrey archbishop of York, and others named. Dated Le Mans, 30 Sept. 1 John.

R.I. f. 9: III. f. 25*d.* (See original deeds, No. 15; also *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 25.)

iii. Writ of King Richard [I] to the sheriff of Somerset and his bailiffs, directing them to deliver seisin of the manor and advowson of Northcuri with appurtenances to the church of St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors. Tested by Hugh bishop of Durham, Canterbury, 26 November.

R.I. f. 9: III. f. 25.

iiii. Charter of King John confirming to the church and canons of St. Andrew Wells grants made by King Richard [I], and by himself when count of Mortain, of the manor, hundred, and church of Northcuri with the land of Hacche and Wrent', and warranty: also granting a market at Northcuri every Wednesday.

Witnesses: J. archbishop of Dublin, and others named. Dated Bristol, 10 Sept. 7 John.

R.I. f. 9: III. f. 26 (an abbreviation). (See *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 158*b*.)

v. Charter of King John granting to St. Andrew Wells, the dean and canons there, St. Peter Bath, the prior and monks there, and Joscelin bishop of both churches and his successors quittance of toll throughout the king's land for all they buy and sell. Witnesses: R. earl of Chester, S. de Quency earl of Winchester, William Briwer, Walter de Lascy, William de Braosa, William de Cantilupo, Ralph Gernun, Thomas de Erdington. Dated Marleberg' 26 November 9 John, by the hand of Walter de Gray the chancellor.

R.I. f. 9*d*.: III. f. 2*d*., 14*d*.

Note of a similar charter under the seal of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells.

R.III. f. 2*d*.

vi. Confirmation by John count of Mortain of a grant made by King Richard his brother to the church of St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors, of the manor, advowson, and hundred of Northcuri with its liberties and customs, as King Richard and King Henry his father held the same. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Coventry, Stephen Ride (*sic*) the count's chancellor, Robert de Bretoil, Hamon de Valuin', Hugh de Malalnoi, Theobald Walter, William de Buchet', Master Peter de Littelbir' Cantuar'.

R.I. f. 9*d*.

vii. Confirmation by John count of Mortain of a gift made by Rainald bishop of Bath to the church and canons of St. Andrew Wells of the manor of Nordcuri with the church and the land of Hacche. Witnesses: Robert count of Mellent, William earl of Salisbury, Stephen Ridel * the count's chancellor, Hamon de Valuin', Simon de Marisco, Ralph Morin, Robert de Teil, Fulk de Cantel', Robert de Mortuo Mari, Henry de Monteforti, Patrick his brother, Henry de Ver, Engelram de Pratellis. Dated Marleberg'.

R.I. f. 10; III. f. 25*d*., where the names from * are found. (See original deeds, No. 11.)

viii. Grant by John count of Mortain to Reinald bishop of Bath and his successors and to the church of St. Andrew Wells, of the land of Hacche with its appurtenances belonging to their manor of Northcuri, which King Richard his brother gave them by charter, confirmed by the said John. Witnesses: Stephen Ridel the count's chancellor, Roger de Novo Burgo * his sewer, Walter de Dunstanv[ille], Roger de Plan', Engeram de Pratellis, William son of John, Peter de la Stan', Luke de Trublev[ille]. Dated at St. Edward's.

R.I. f. 10: III. f. 407, where the names from * are found.

ix. Writ of John count of Mortain to the sheriff of Sumerset and his bailiffs, to permit Rainaud bishop of Bath peaceably to have his manor of Northcuri granted by King Richard and the said John to him and his church of Wells, with the advowson and hundred. Tested by William de Wendeuall' at Merleberg'.

R.I. f. 10 : III. f. 25*d*.

x. Writ *de intendendo* of John lord of England addressed to the knights and free tenants of the hundred of Northcuri, notifying the grant of the manor of Northcuri, with the advowson, the land of Hacche, and the hundred, to the church and canons of St. Andrew Wells, for the health of his soul and that of his brother the late King Richard. Dated Beaudeford (Beauford), 17 April.

R.I. f. 10 : III. f. 28. (See original deeds, No. 14.)

xi. Writing of Geoffrey son of Peter addressed to the knights, free tenants, and the whole hundred of Northcuri, notifying that J. lord of England has rendered to the church of St. Andrew in Wells and to the canons the manor, church, and hundred of Northcury. Tested at Westminster 29 April, by writ of John lord of England from beyond the sea.

R.I. f. 10 : III. f. 28, where the writer is styled "justice" in the margin.

[xii.] *Inspeximus* and confirmation by King Henry [III] of a charter of King John his father, dated Bristol, 10 September 7 John (see R.I. f. 9 : above p. 6). Witnesses: Eustace bishop of London, and others named. Dated Westminster, 12 February 11 Henry [III].

R.I. f. 10*d*. . III. f. 407*d*. (Charter Rolls, *Cal.* i. p. 8.)

xiii. Charter of King Henry [III] to Joscelin bishop of Bath, Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, and their successors, granting them licence to disafforest the manor of Northcuri and enclose and make parks of the woods thereof, and that the men dwelling there shall be quit of forest pleas. Witnesses: Richard bishop of Durham, and others named. Dated Fuleham, 15 May 13 Henry [III].

R.I. f. 10*d* : III. f. 26*d*. (Charter Rolls, *Cal.* i. p. 104.)

Charter of King Stephen giving to the church of St. Andrew Wells and bishop Robert the churches of Northcuri and Perretona to make prebends in the said church. Witnesses: H. bishop of Winchester, Richard de Luci, William Mart'. Dated London.

R.I. f. 11 : III. f. 26, where the bishop of Winchester's name is incorrectly given as Hugh.

xiiii. Confirmation of the above gift by Theobald archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate.

R.I. f. 11 : III. f. 26.

Confirmation by Rainald 'minister of the church of Bath' to the common fund of the canons of Wells, of the manor of Northcuri with the land of Hacche, given by King Richard and his brother John count of Mortain to St. Andrew Wells. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, Thomas *archdeacon of Wells, Master Godfrey archdeacon of Bath, William de Cerdra, Jocelin the chaplain, master Ralph de Lichel', master Roger de Doueliz, Master Nicholas de Luuariis, Richard de Ken, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Richard the chamberlain, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 11 . III. f. 28, where the names from * are found.

xv. Confirmation by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to the church and canons of St. Andrew Wells of a grant made by Rain[ald] late bishop of Bath to their common fund, of the manor, church and hundred of Northcuri and the land of Hacche, to hold the same quit of all dues to the archdeacons and their officials. Witnesses: William abbot of Betenesden, Gilbert son of William, *William the chaplain, Master Richard de Alneto, Robert de Perers, Herbert de Well'.

R.I. f. 11 : III. f. 26*d.*, where the names from * are found.

xvi. Acknowledgment by Ralph son of Bernard that he has received the whole land of Hacche, which is a member of the manor of Northcuri, of Reinaud bishop of Bath and his church of Wells, to hold for life at a rent of two wax candles of 4*lb.* payable to the said church on St. Andrew's day, to revert to the bishop and his successors and to the said church. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, Master Robert de Geldeford archdeacon of Bath, etc.

R.I. f. 11*d.*

xvii. Grant by Ralph son of Bernard to Baldwin the cook his servant, of half a virgate of land in the town of Hacche in fee and inheritance, to hold of him and his heirs by the service of one pound of cumin. Witnesses: Stephen Flandrensis, etc.

R.I. f. 11*d.*

xviii. Gift by Ralph son of Bernard to Edmund his hunter, of one ferling of land in Hacche which Richard de Perrees held, for his service and a rent of one pound of cumin at Michaelmas. Witnesses: Stephen Flandrensis, *Ralph son of William, Robert son of William, William son of Hardin, John son of Geoffrey, Gervase.

R.I. f. 11*d.* . III. f. 216, where the names from * are found.

xix. Agreement between the dean and canons of Wells and Richard son of Bernard, that Richard and his heirs shall content William his brother concerning 15 marks received, of 30 marks for which they fined with him for his claim to the manor of

Hacch, upon the security of his rent of Liminton; and when the same be contented the dean and chapter shall return this chirograph, and make a quitclaim of the said 15 marks. Oath by the parties in full chapter.

R.I. f. 11d. : III. f. 216*d.*

xx. Charter of restitution by Hugh de Gundevill to the church of Curi of Hunilandes in the manor of Curi, which by evil counsel he took from the said church. Witnesses: John de Bathonia, Robert de Gundevill, * Hamelin de Gundevill, Geoffrey Hibernensis, Eustace de Horsintone, William de Horsintone, Robert the marshal.

R.I. f. 11*d.*: III. f. 35, where the names from * are found.

xxi. Charter of Richard son of Ralph son of Bernard warranting to the dean and chapter of Wells the manor of Hacche, which his father held, against William his brother, and all others claiming under his father, his mother, himself, or the said William, and on failure of this warranty conceding 'our land of Limington' in exchange, with indemnity for all pleas and expenses. Witnesses: Hugh de Well' archdeacon of Wells, Joscelin his brother, *Simon de Pateshyll, Master Eustace de Facunberg, James de Poterna, Richard de Mulcegros (*sic*) justices of the king, Master Roger de Sanford, Hugh Nichol canons of Wells.

R.I. f. 11*d.* : III. f. 208*d.*, where the names from * are found.

xxii. Fine levied at Porecestre on the morrow of Trinity 7 John before the King and his justices, between Richard son of Bernard demandant and Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter tenants, of the manor of Hacche, upon a writ of *mort d'ancestor*. Quitclaim by the said Richard, with warranty against William his brother and his heirs, and all men of their stock, in consideration of 30 marks.

R.I. f. 11*d.* : III. f. 216*d.* (Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 24.)

xxiii. Quitclaim by Gilbert Gule and Christina his wife, daughter of Thomas de Bolonia, to St. Andrew and the church of Wells, of all the land which the said Thomas and they held at Northcuri, formerly of the demesne of the church thereof, confirmed by an oath. Done in chapter at Wells, in the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the third year from the translation of St. Thomas M. Witnesses: Walter the chaplain of Northcuri, Godfrey de Wedmore, *Gilbert de Dultyng, George, Adam de Hereford priests, Walter the chamberlain, Master Richard de Warewic, Master Peter de Cantebreg', Stephen de Bradeford, Philip [son of] Alan, Martin de Wynescombe, John de Cerde.

R.I. f. 12 : III. f. 38*d*, where the names from * are found.

xxiiii. Agreement between Peter dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part, and John de Alre and Agnes his wife on the other part, in settlement of a dispute; the chapter saying that the

said John and Agnes had set up a dyke in Saltmore and wrongfully impounded cattle of theirs and of their men there (where they claimed unlimited right of pasturing their own cattle and those of their men of the church of Northcuri), so as wrongfully to enclose their grove of Stathe, and were occupying certain land by the chapel of St. James, and obstructing a road to Stathemore between the said chapel and grove: while the said John and Agnes said that the dean and chapter had wrongfully destroyed the said dyke, and prevented the cattle of strangers from passing across Stathemore to Saltmore, and had wrongfully converted certain places into meadow wherein the said John and Agnes had the right to pasture cattle. John and Agnes for themselves and their heirs of Stathe, to enable the dean and chapter to enclose their grove of Stocwode and a part of Pinkeham, grant 2½ acres and ⅛ acre to the north-east of Stocwode and 12½ acres in Bradelegh within Stocwode; also common of pasture in Saltmore for fourscore beasts; leave to convert into meadow 60 acres in Stathemore where the said John and Agnes had rights of pasture from Childesmorweye westward, reserving their right to pasture after the hay is carried; and release all right in disputed dykes, moors, ways, etc., of the dean and chapter, saving a right of way to Segemore. The dean and chapter grant in exchange 3¼ acres in Merstowe, 5½ acres by Rodweye, 3¾ acres in Esterclive, and in a meadow by the wood of Stathe 2½ acres and ⅛ acre; also 1½ acres in the said meadow in exchange for one acre in Hullemede and half an acre in Wodebrech croft; leave to the said John and Agnes and their heirs of Stathe to enclose their grove of Stathe, and as much as they will of their land and the meadow adjoining the said grove, and such part of Saltmore as they think fit, and convert it into meadow, saving their common of pasture for fourscore beasts as aforesaid, and right to pasture after the hay is carried; also a right of way for cattle from Stathe by the rhine of Peret and by Curilade road to Saltmore. This agreement to be confirmed by fine. Oath by Walter the chamberlain on behalf of the dean and chapter, and by the said John for himself, his wife, and their heirs: two writings made, one sealed by the said dean, the other by the said John; all doubts to be referred to arbitration. Done on St. Mark's day 1233, in the chapel of St. Gregory of Stoke at Northcuri, in the presence of P. dean of Wells, W. the subdean, Master R. de Berkelay, John Kauuel, Sir John de Reyni, Gilbert Dacus, William Malet, Thomas de Regny, *Henry de Herlegha.

R.I., f. 12: III. f. 35, where the last name is found.

Fine levied at Westminster a month after St. Hilary 18 Henry III, between Peter dean of Wells and the chapter plaintiffs, and John de Alra and Agnes his wife deforciants, of a dyke set up and common of pasture in Saltmore, and the enclosing of the dean and chapter's wood of Stok, embodying the above agreement.

R.I. f. 13: III. f. 36. (Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 78.)

Fine levied at Westminster a month after St. Hilary 18 Henry III, between Robert son of William Odde demandant, and Peter dean of Wells and the chapter tenants, of 30 acres of land in Huntheham. Quitclaim by the said Robert.

R.I. f. 13*d.*; III. f. 23*d.* (Somerset Record Society, vi. p. 77.)

xxvi. Gift by Nicholas the clerk, son of William de Elmeham, to the chapter of Wells, of his land of Lamleg' in the manor of Northcuri given him by his father, and one acre of meadow on the west side of Wrentiches ford by the land of Richard Herebert, paying a yearly rent of 12*d.* at Michaelmas to Henry the Hundredesman, with warranty, in consideration of 5 marks. Witnesses: Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wike, etc.

R.I. f. 13*d.*: III. f. 37, where the witnesses names are given as below.

xxvii. *Inspeximus* and confirmation by William de Elmeham of the above gift. Witnesses: Walter the chamberlain, Sir Philip de Wike, *Geoffrey de Brideport, Philip de Cnolle, Geoffrey de Wudeford, Henry le Hundredesman, Walter le Marchaunt de Wrentyssh.

R.I. f. 13*d.*: III. f. 30*d.*, where the names from * are found.

Charter of King Edward [the Confessor] to bishop Gyse (in Saxon, beginning 'Edward king gret Harold erld and Aylnod abbot and Godwine and ealle mine þeynes on Sum'seten frendliche,') conferring on him the bishopric.

R.I. f. 14. A Latin translation below.

See Kemble, *Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici*, *no.* 838, iv. 198.

A second charter to the same (beginning 'Edward king gret Harold Erl and Touid minne schyre refen and alle mine þeynes inne Summersæten frendliche'), confirming a sale to him by Aelfred of his land at Hlytton (Lutton, f. 14*d.*) Dated Peddredan (Perret). Witnesses: Eadithe mine ibedden, Haroldes ærles, etc.

R.I. f. 14. A Latin translation, f. 14*d.* (xxix). *Cod. Dipl.*, *no.* 839, iv. 199

A third charter to the same (beginning 'Eadward king gret Harold Erl and Aylnod abbot and Godwine schyrereuen' etc.) conferring on him the bishopric as fully as bishop Duduc or any of his predecessors held it.

R.I. f. 14. A Latin translation, f. 14*d.* (xxx). *Cod. Dipl.*, *no*, 835, iv. 195.

Charter of King Harold (beginning 'Harold king greet Ayllnod abbot and Touid' etc.) confirming the liberties granted by King Edward to bishop Gyso.

R.I. f. 14. A Latin translation, f. 14*d.* (xxxi). *Cod. Dipl.*, *no.* 976, iv. 305.

xxxii. Grant by King William II to bishop John of the abbey of of St. Peter Bath with all the possessions belonging thereto at his accession, in augmentation of the bishopric of Somerset, in order that he should there establish his see. Dated vi kal. Feb. 1090.

Note that a grant of this benefice was made by the contrivance of archbishop Lanfranc at Winchester in the year 1088, and confirmed at Dover on the above date. * Witnesses: Thomas archbishop of York and many others named.

R.I. f. 14*d.*: III. f. 341, where the witnesses' names are found.

See Original Deeds, No. 3; a facsimile in Somerset Archæological and Nat. Hist. Soc. xxii, opp. p. 114. Printed *Mon. Angl.* ii. 266; Hickes, *Dissertatio Epistolaris* 47; Somerset Record Soc. vii. 40. Adam de Domerham, i. 278.

xxxiii. Charter of King Stephen to Robert bishop of Bath confirming to him the bishopric, with all liberties that bishop John or his predecessors had. Dated Westminster, at Easter at the general council. Witnesses: William archbishop of Canterbury, Thurstan archbishop of York, Hugh archbishop of Rouen, etc.

R.I. f. 14*d.* (Somerset Record Society, vii. 57.)

xxxiiii. Charter of R[obert] duke of Normandy, son of King W[illiam] and brother of King W[illiam] and King H[enry], addressed to A. archbishop of Canterbury etc., confirming the grant of the city of Bath made by his said brothers to St. Peter and to bishop John.

R.I. f. 15: III. f. 220*d.* See Adam de Domerham, *Historia de rebus gestis Glastoniensibus*, ed. Hearne, i. 286.

Licence by King Henry [II] to Robert bishop of Bath to enclose all his parks, as they were enclosed in the time of king Henry his grandfather. Witness: Richard archdeacon of Poitiers. Dated Gloucester.

R.I. f. 15.

xxxv. Confirmation by King Henry [II] to the church of St. Peter Bath of all gifts and liberties in the city and without granted to the bishop by King Henry his grandfather, and of all other reasonable gifts to the said church and bishop and to the church of St. Andrew Wells. Witnesses: Henry bishop of Bayeux, Froger bishop of Seez, *William de Hum' constable, Maurice de Oreou[r] (*rectius* Creon), Roland de Dinan, Stephen steward of Anjou, William son of Ralph steward of Normandy, Hugh de Cressi, Robert de Harecort, Robert Marmiun. Dated Argenton.

R I. f. 15: III. f. 2*d.*, where the names from * are found.

xxxvi. Licence by King Henry [II] to Reginald bishop of Bath to keep hounds for the chase as his predecessors did throughout Somerset. Witnesses: John Cumin and Robert son of Bernard. Dated Clarendon.

R.I. f. 15.

xxxvii. Licence by King Richard [I] to Rainald bishop of Bath and his successors to mine for lead upon their lands in Sumerset; and to make a borough upon their land of Radeclive, with a market and all liberties that any borough in the king's land of all England has. Witnesses: Walter archbishop

of Rouen, Hugh bishop of Durham, Hugh bishop of Coventry, *Robert earl of Leicester, William earl of Arundel, William earl of Salisbury, William Mareschal, John his brother, Hugh Bard'. Dated Canterbury, 26 November 1 Richard I, by William bishop elect of Ely and chancellor.

R I. f. 15 : III. f. 343, where the names from * and the date are found

Licence of King Richard [I] to Reginald bishop of Bath to keep hounds for the chase. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Durham, Hugh bishop of Chester, etc. Dated Canterbury, 26 November 1 Richard [I], by the hand of William bishop elect of Ely, chancellor.

R.I, f. 15*d*.

Licence to the same to keep hounds for the chase throughout Sumerset, namely to take all beasts except hart, hind, buck and doe, and to have their pursuit (*percursum*) of all beasts hunted in their parks. Witnesses: Baldwin archbishop of Canterbury, Hugh bishop of Durham, * Hugh bishop of Coventry, William Marescal, Hugh Bard'. Dated 26 November 1 Richard [I], by the hand of William bishop elect of Ely, chancellor.

R.I, f. 15*d*. * For these names and date see the *Inspeximus*, R. III, f. 392*d*. (Mus. Brit., Cart. Harl. 83 C, 10. *Facsimiles of Royal and other Charters in the British Museum*, i. 70.)

xxxviii. Charter of King Richard [I,] witnessed by Baldwin archbishop of Canterbury, Walter archbishop of Rouen; and dated Canterbury, 26 November 1 Richard I., by the hand of William bishop elect of Ely, chancellor; confirming to the church of St. Peter Bath and to bishop Rainald and his successors the following gifts and liberties granted by King William, King Henry his brother, and King Henry 'our father,' namely:

A charter of King William [II], addressed to O. bishop of Salisbury, T. abbot of Glastonbury and A. the sheriff, granting to St. Peter Bath, bishop John and his successors in almoin, to the augmentation of his see, the whole city of Bath; witnessed by W. bishop of Winchester, R. bishop of Lincoln, R. count of Mellent, H. earl of Warewick, R. son of Haimon, E. the sewer, R. son of Germ', R. the spenser, W. de la Rochell'.

A charter of King Henry [I], dated Windsor, iii non. Sept. 1101, confirming the above at the request of bishop John; witnessed by Queen M., A. archbishop of Canterbury, G. archbishop of York, M. bishop of London, etc.

A charter of King Henry [I], dated Gedinton, St. Peter and St. Paul's day, addressed to A. archbishop of Canterbury, G. archbishop of York, M. bishop of London, R. bishop of Lincoln, S. bishop of Worcester, R. bishop of Chester, O. bishop of Exeter, W. bishop of Winchester, R. bishop of Chichester, G. bishop of Rochester, H. bishop of Thetford, H.

abbot of Glastonbury, W. count of Mortain, R. son of H., A. the chamberlain, etc., granting the said city to the said church and bishop John as above, with liberties, and a fair on St. Peter's day; witnessed by M. bishop of London, R. bishop of Lincoln, etc.

For these three charters see Adam de Domerham, i. 283 6.

A charter of King Henry [I], confirming his gifts to St. Peter in Bath, where he and William his brother established the see of all Sumerset formerly at the town of Wells, namely the city itself to farm, the hidage of 20 hides thereto belonging, with pleas, laws, justices, customs, etc.; witnessed by R. bishop of Salisbury, W. bishop of Exeter, W. bishop of Winchester, R. [bishop of] London, R. [bishop of] Lincoln, etc.; and confirmed by the king and queen at Waltham of the bishop of Winchester, vi id. Aug. 1111, on the king's passage to Normandy, with their seals and those of G. de Aquila, R. bishop of Salisbury, etc.

A charter of King Henry [II]. (See No. xxxv; above p. 13.)

A charter of King Henry [I], dated at Winchester, addressed to the bishop of Winchester, the sheriff of Hampshire, etc. granting to the church of Bath, bishop God[frey] and his successors the land of Dokemersf[eld] with the church and liberties, as R. bishop of Durham and after him the said king held the same; witnessed by G. the chancellor, S. de Sig', etc.

A charter of King Henry [II], dated at Gadint[on] by the hand of [W. de] Const' arch[deacon] of Oxenef[ord] then sealer, confirming a concord in the king's court between Reginald bishop of Bath and Henry de Tilli, in favour of the bishop, concerning the manor of Dokemersf[eld] and fee of Dinra, granted to the church of Bath by Henry [I]; witnessed by R. archbishop of York, G. bishop of Ely, J. bishop of Norwich, etc.

(See *inspeximus* f. 46*d*., clxxxi., below p. 54.)

A charter of King Henry [II], dated at Winchester, granting licence to Reginald bishop of Bath to impark his wood of Dokemeresfeld; witnessed by R. son of Stephen the chamberlain, T. son of Bernard, etc.

R.I. ff. 15*d*—17.

xxxix. Letters patent of King Henry [III], reciting the aid provided by S. archbishop of Canterbury primate and cardinal, and by all his suffragans when, on account of the excesses of Falkasius de Breaute, the said king was besieging Bedeford castle; namely from prelates holding their portions in severalty, half a mark for every carucate held in demesne, and for the carucates of their knights, free tenants, villeins, and their undertenants 2*s*.; from abbots, priors, and other prelates not holding in severalty,

their knights, free tenants, and villeins, and their undertenants likewise 2*s.*; and that men of their demesnes and fees should join the army to draw engines etc. for the siege; and acknowledging that this was done of their free will, without prejudice to their rights. Dated Bedeford, 10 August 8 Henry [III], in presence of H. de Burgo justice, and others named.

R.I. f. 17. (See Pat. 8 Hen. III. *m.* 4, and *Cal.* p. 464, where 18 August is the date given.)

xl. Grant and demise by Reginald de Cornhull, son of Reginald de Cornhull, to Joscelin bishop of Bath, of the land and capital mansion which was his father's opposite the church of St. Helen in London, between lands of Henry de St. Helen and Hugh de Sibeton to the south, and land late of Roger Horloc and Joce the spicer and of Master Gregory to the north, extending with garden etc. from the high street leading to Bisopesgate on the east to Bradestrate and the land of Master Gregory and Joce Juvenis to the west, to hold to the bishop and his successors of the grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of one pound of wax or 4*d.* within the quinzaine of Christmas, without occasion and miskenning, saving the services of the chief lords, with warranty: the bishop gave 200 marks as gersum. Witnesses: P. bishop of Winchester, Earl W. Mariscallus *rector domini regis et regni*, Hubert de Burg' justice.

R.I. f. 17.

Charter of Edward king (in Saxon, addressed to Harold erl, Ailnod abbot, Touid schirereue and alle mine þeines on Sumerseten) granting land æt Veodmor to bishop Gyso, inne to his clerken bileua æt sce Andrea æt Vyllan.

A Latin translation of the same.

R.I. f. 17*d*. *Cod. Dipl.*, *no.* 837, iv. 197.

Charter of Eadgyþ seo hlauedi Edwardes Kynges lefe (in Saxon, addressed to the Hundred at Wedmore) granting land at Merkerun (Merke) to bishop Gyso, into his cononcan æt sce Andrea æt Vyllan.

A Latin translation of the same.

R.I. f. 17*d*. *Cod. Dipl.*, *no.* 918, iv. 257.

Charter of Edvard ging (in Saxon, addressed to Harold, Aegelnod abbot, Godvyne scyregerefan & alle mine þegenas on Sumerseten,) confirming to bishop Giso land æt Chyv (Chyw).

A Latin translation of the same.

R.I. f. 17*d*., 18. *Cod. Dipl.*, *no.* 836, iv. 196.

Charter of Eadgyþ se hlauedige (in Saxon, addressed to Harold erl mine brodar, Touid etc.) granting to bishop Gyso land at Milferton.

A Latin translation of the same.

R.I. f. 18. *Cod Dipl.*, *no.* 917, iv. 256.

Charter of William [I] in Saxon, with Latin translation.

Willelm kyng. Willelme de curcello gret frendliche. Anð ic bidde þe þ þv do þ þis Rom feoh forð cume. of minan mann. 7 syððan œlchen þegene anð hire mannū æt þisse Michælis massen bifullan vite. 7 tou cyðe þis to munt acuht anð to bristove. þat mann þe hit undon habben þ hit don. 7 þær hit forð ne cumeð. sethe se. ðp. and þu þar after. 7 æc ic beode þat namman ne sy svo þearf þ nyme ænige name in Gyse. ðp. lande ær hyt to foran hym syfe cume. ne þu. ne nan þiurre manna. God þe gehealde.

Willelmus rex Willelmo de Curcello salutem. Mando tibi quatinus intromittas ut denarii Romani solvantur ad instans festum Sancti Michaelis. de hominibus meis & preter de liberis & servis. Et hoc notum facias aput montem acutum & Bristoll'. ut qui nondum solverunt solvant. Et de hiis qui non solverunt fiat inquisitio. per dictum Episcopum & preterea per te. Prohibeo etiam ut nullus sit ita temerarius quod capiat mamium (sic) super terram. G. episcopi antequam veniat coram eo. nec tu nec aliquis tuorum. Valete.

R.I. f. 18.

Gift by E[*dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to Hugh de la Hele and the heirs of his body of a messuage with [*three fardels] of land in their manor of Northcury (which messuage with three fardels Richard de la Hele his father held), to hold of them and their successors at a yearly rent of 11*s.* 1*d.* for all services, saving suit of the hundred and court of Northcury, and the king's service, and 5 marks for relief of every heir, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Loueny, Sir Baldric de Noneton knights, * Nicholas Braunche, Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de Mere, Roger Huet, Robert le Yreys.

R.I. f. 18*d* ; III. f. 203, where the names from * and the reading *tribus fardellis* are found. In R.I. it is *cum fardel' terre*, and in the warranty clause *cum predicta terra*. Compare the mandate to the bailiff of Northcory, R. III. f. 203, below p. 408.

Bond of Hugh de la Hele to the dean and chapter of Wells in 60*l.*, payable if in any place he happen to be against the dean and chapter in deed or counsel. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Loueny, Sir Baldric de Noneton knights etc.

R.I. f. 18*d*.

xli. Licence by King Henry [III] to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors freely to dispose by will of their goods moveable and immoveable and their growing crops, exempting their executors from all interference by the sheriff or other officers of the king or other secular person. Witnesses: P. bishop of Winchester, Stephen de Setgrave justice of England, John earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester, Hugh Despenser, Ralph son of Nicholas, Ralph Gernun, Godfrey de Crawecumb', Geoffrey Despenser, Geoffrey de Kauz, John de Plessetis.

Dated Westminster, 27 March 18 Henry [III], by the hand of Ralph bishop of Chichester, chancellor.

R.I, f. 19.

xlii. Ordinance of Jocelin bishop of Bath touching ground (*area*) and houses in Wells before the great gate of the canons, granted by Nicholas de Wells to the church of St. Andrew Wells the said bishop and his successors, namely that they be assigned in future to one of the canons free of secular demands, as the ancient grounds of the canons are. Witnesses: Hugh archdeacon of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 19*d*.

xliii. Grant by Nicholas de Wells to the said church, J. bishop of Bath and his successors, of the last mentioned ground with houses, to dispose after his decease as the other canons' houses, without power of alienation.

R.I. f. 19*d*.

xliiii. Grant by Ralph Preciosus to the chapter of Wells of a messuage at Wells between the messuage late of Leobert the clerk and land late of Adam de Lectuna, subject to a yearly rent of 18*d*. to Walter de Dunheve and Walter de Wicha and their heirs, provided the same be never sold, but let to farm to one of the canons at a cess, such cess (deducting the 18*d*. aforesaid) to be divided among the canons and vicars present at the anniversary of the grantor.

R.I. f. 19*d*.

xlv. Grant and quitclaim by Malger the priest vicar of Wells to Ralph Preciosus of his land, lying between the messuage late of Adam de Lectuna and the messuage of Leobert the clerk, with the buildings thereon, subject to a rent of 18*d*. to Walter de Dunheva and Walter de Wika and their heirs. Witnesses: Richard de Athber, Adam Magot etc.

R.I. f. 19*d*.

xlvi. Grant by Ralph Preciosus to the chapter of Wells of a manse with buildings between the manse late of Leobert the clerk and land late of Adam [de] Lectona to be let (as above) on competent gersum to be distributed on the grantor's anniversary; and if by the custom of the kingdom the chapter may not possess the same, they shall provide a resident canon and it shall be delivered to him by the chapter, 'to whom I entrust my functions for ever, to hold in my right' on the terms above mentioned.

R.I. f. 19*d*.

xlvii. Ratification by Robert bishop of Bath, addressed to the dean and canons of Wells, of a gift made by Robert 'our archdeacon' to Gilbert Cawete and his heirs of one acre of

land in the street of Wells (which the said bishop had given him) for 12*d.* yearly to be paid to the said archdeacon and his successors. Witnesses of the gift and confirmation: Richard archdeacon of Poitiers, *Peter prior of Bath, William prior of Bruton, Richard dean of Wells, Robert subdean, Paris, Master Fust', William de Sancta Fide, Odo, Master Martin, William Flammang, Ralph Martre, Geoffrey Franc', Hamon nephew of the bishop, Alexander the cook, William Boneville.

R.I. f. 20: III. f. 362, where the names from * are found

xlviii. Gift by Ralph son of Bernard to St. Andrew Wells, Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors of the churches of Holecumba and Lameia for a prebend of the church of Wells. Witnesses: *Master Walter prior of Berliz, Master Robert de Geldeford, Joc' the chaplain, David chaplain of the dean of London, Master Roger, Adam the clerk of London, Ralph Huse (*Hosato*) clerk, Hamon Cabbus, Simon Buzum, Peter Corbuzun, Nicholas de Cliva, Henry de Cliva, Henry de Traci, Nicholas Pictau[iensis], Humphrey Ruffus, Clement de Bathonia, Richard the chamberlain.

R.I. f. 20: III. f. 385, where the witnesses' names * are found.

xlix. Gift by Ralph son of Bernard to Simon 'my clerk' in almoin of the church of Holecumba. Witnesses: *Henry de Sicca Villa, Herbert the chaplain, Adam de Risford, Richard Ruffus, William the marshal, Croc, John Colle.

R.I. f. 20: III. f. 390*d.*, where the witnesses' names * are found.

l. Charter of Leticia de Say, reciting that Ralph son of Bernard her lord in his last will, [*in the presence of] Stephen chaplain of Dinid' his confessor, of the said Leticia, Jordan de Wethemed, William de Rifford and others, restored to St. Nicholas and the church of Holecumbe the land and wood, with a villein named Semar tenant thereof and all that goes with him, whereof he had wrongfully deprived the said church; and whereas he had given the said manor to the said Leticia in dower, requested her to ratify the restitution thereof; and granting the same to the said church and the parsons thereof, in accordance with the charter they have of Robert de Renni. Witnesses: *Osbert dean of Dunesford, Jordan de Westmed (*sic*), Robert de Cortelega, William de Rifford, Ralph de Eueroriz (*sic*), Richard Ruffus, Richard Bucell', Gervase Capun, Robert Russell.

R.I. f. 20: III. f. 382, where Leticia de Sar' is read, the word *coram* correctly inserted, and the witnesses' names * are found.

li. Charter of Robert de Renni (in the rubric Robert Fitz Payn), confirming a gift made by William de Renni his father to Robert his chaplain as well in the church of St. Nicholas Holecumbe as in lands pertaining thereto; and giving further land extending from the cross of Edric Borda (*Gorda) to the water leat on the south side, and from the leat all the lands and

thickets between the Birigg' road and between the water of Cotteleg' as far as the paved road (*strata ferrata*). Dated 1150, Robert being bishop of Exeter, Walter, Hugh de Auco, *Ralph son of Gocelin being archdeacons, and Alvred archdeacon of Cornwall. *Supplementary gift to the chaplains of the said church of common of pasture in all grantor's land in Holecumba. *Witnesses of all these gifts: Cradoc de Sancta Julitta, Simon de Bonavilla, William de Mirl', Nicholas de Holecumba, William son of Hugh, Richard Penna. Dated at the castle of St. Julitta.

R.I. f. 20*d.*: III. f. 375, where the reading *Gorda*, the names from *, the supplementary gift and witnesses are found.

lii. Notification by S. 'minister' of Exeter to J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of the admission and institution of Henry de Cicestria, at his request, to the church of Holecumba.

R.I. f. 20*d.*

liii. Charter of Robert de Renni (Rinni) confirming a gift made by William de Renni his father to Robert his chaplain in almoin in the church of St. Nicholas Holecumb' and lands pertaining thereto, and giving further land extending from the cross of Edric Borda to the water leat on the south, and from the leat all lands and thickets between the Herbethleg' road and between the water of Cordeleg, as far as the paved road (*strata ferrata*). Dated 1156, Robert being bishop of Exeter, Walter, Hugh de Auco, William de Cucusfell' archdeacons, *Aliorum* (*sic*, *Alvred) archdeacon of Cornwall. Supplementary gift to the chaplains of the said church of common of pasture upon all grantor's land of Holecumbe. Witnesses: The canons of St. Peter's Exeter, to wit Richard son of Rainfrid, *John Paz, Gervase, Baldwin son of William, Robert the precentor, Hemer' the dean, Richard Crappa [Gappa ?], William son of Eduacer, Master Gilbert Porr', Master Walter, Robert de Hane [Haue ?], Master Baldwin, Richard de Saresb[iria], Baldwin the priest, Richard de Witast', Alexander the clerk, Walter Peverel, Michel Burguing', Robert de Ketenor, William Imaring' and the whole hundred of Holecumba.

R.I. f. 20*d.*: III. f. 391, where the names from * are found.

liiii. Gift by Richard de Camvilla to St. Andrew Wells, for a perpetual prebend, of the church of Hengstrig' (Hengstring'), saving the right of John son of Luke, then parson thereof, grantor having resigned his right to Reginald bishop of Bath. Witnesses: *Richard archbishop of Canterbury, Gilbert bishop of London, Bartholomew bishop of Exeter, Roger bishop of Worcester, John bishop of Chichester, Richard bishop of Chester, Adam bishop of St. Asaph, Master Walter de Constantiis archdeacon of Oxenford keeper of the king's seal, Walter precentor of Salisbury, Geoffrey archdeacon of Bercasire, Master Peter of Blois, William de Sancta Fide.

R.I. f. 21: III. f. 159*d.*, where the witnesses' names * are found.

lv. Confirmation by Gerard de Camvill, in the presence of Richard archbishop of Canterbury, John bishop of Norwich, Baldwin bishop of Worcester, Sefrith (*Sefrid) bishop of Chichester, and Randolf de Glanvill justice of England, of the gift made by Richard his father to Rainaud bishop of Bath and his successors and the church of Wells of the church of Hengstring' as a prebend. Dated Westminster, in the king's chamber, 1182. Witnesses: *Herbert archdeacon of Canterbury, Richard archdeacon of Ely, Peter archdeacon of Bath, Jocelin archdeacon of Chichester, Hubert Walter, William de Glanville clerk, Osbert *de camera*, Bald[win] chancellor of Salisbury, Helias de Chiuel[ai], Hugh de Gahirst, Thomas Brut, William and Joc' chaplains, Roger son of Reinfr[id], Thomas son of Bernard, Michael Belet, Gilbert Malet, William Basset, Ralph son of Stephen the chamberlain, William son of Stephen, William Ruffus, William de Bendeng', Robert de Witefeld, Robert Poher, John de Sanford, Henry de Novo mercato, Eustace de Baillul, William Torel, Robert (*sic*) de Coleville constable of London, Hugh de Canvill, William de Canvill.

R.I. f. 21 ; III., f. 160, where the witnesses' names * are found.

lvi. *Omnibus etc. Eustak' de Camvill' (Chanuill') salutem. Ad omnium volo noticiam pervenire quod cum ego in languore posita essem apud Hengestr' propter demandam Walteri de Dunstanvill' de manerio de Scaudeford, quod exigit a domino meo et me, et essem sine servicio ecclesiastico, feci hanc cartam canonicis Wellensis ecclesie et magistro Alexandro canonico prebende de Hengestr', ut si permiserint me habere servicium meum in loco competenti extra ecclesiam et capellam, promitto eis in bona fide et per cartam presentem me obligo quod completo termino languoris istius nunquam decetero vendicabo servicium predictum. Et hoc observandum fide mediante.*

R.I. f. 21: III. f. 373.

Writing of Richard archbishop of Canterbury, John bishop of Norwich, Baldwin bishop of Worcester, and Sefrid bishop of Chichester, reciting the grant by Richard de Camvill to the church of Wells of the church of Hengstr' as a perpetual prebend, and the confirmation of the same by Gerard de Camvill son and heir of the said Richard, and declaring that this was done in their presence, and in that of Randolf de Glanvill the justice, Roger son of Reinfrid and others of the Exchequer, also of Herbert archdeacon of Canterbury, *Richard archdeacon of Ely, Peter archdeacon of Bath, William archdeacon of Gloucester, Joc[elin] archdeacon of Chichester, Ralph archdeacon of Hereford, Osbert *de camera*, Hubert Walter, William de Glanvill clerk, Baldwin chancellor of Salisbury, Hugh de Gaherst, Elyas de Chiuelai, Stephen de Clai, Thomas Brito, William and Joc' chaplains, Thomas son of Bernard, Michael Belet, William Basset, Gilbert Malet, Ralph son of Stephen, William son of Stephen, William Ruffus, William de Bendeng', Robert de Witefeld, Robert Poher, John de Sanford, Henry de Novo

mercato, Eustace de Bailluel, William Torel, Gilbert (*sic*) de Colevill constable of London, Hugh de Canvill, William de Canvill.

R.I. f. 21*d*.: III. f. 160, where the names from * are found

lvii. General confirmation by Richard archbishop of Canterbury primate and legate of all gifts made to the church of Wells, in churches or prebends, as confirmed by Reginald bishop of Bath. Witnesses: *Waler[an] arch[deacon] of Bayeux, Henry Baioc', William de Sottindon, Roger Norwic', Geoffrey the clerk, etc.

R.I. f. 21*d*.: III. f. 192, where the witneses' names are found.

lviii. Confirmation by Reginald bishop of Bath of a gift made by Richard de Camvill to the church of St. Andrew in Wells of the church of Hengstr' (*Hengestrig'). Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Robert and Godfrey archdeacon of Bath, William de Cerda and Joscelin chaplains, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Roger de Duuelie, Stephen de Tornaco, Thomas de Tornaco, Master Nicholas de Luuers, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Richard de Ken, Stephen de Waleton, Richard the chamberlain, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 21*d*.: III. f. 160*d*., where the names from * are found.

lix. Formal attestation by Roger bishop of Worcester (Wingor') of a gift made by Richard de Camvill to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Hengestr' (Hengistrigg), *quantum ad laicum et dominum fundi spectat*, and a cession of his right therein to Reginald bishop of Bath, in the presence of the said bishop Roger, Richard archbishop of Canterbury, Gilbert bishop of London, B. bishop of Exeter, Robert bishop of Hereford, John bishop of Chichester, Richard bishop of Chester, and Adam bishop of St. Asaph.

R.I. f. 21*d*.: III. f. 161.

lx. Formal attestation by Richard archbishop of Canterbury of a gift of the church of Hengestr' (Hengestrig') free of all service made by Richard de Camvill to the church of Wells for a perpetual prebend in the hand of R. bishop of Bath, saving the right of John son of Luke then parson thereof, in the presence of the said archbishop, G. bishop of London, R. bishop of Winchester, G. bishop of Ely, B. bishop of Exeter, R. bishop of Worcester, R. bishop of Chester, J. bishop of Chichester, and A. bishop of St. Asaph. Also witnesses: *Master Walter de Constanciis archdeacon of Oxeneford, Waleran archdeacon of Bayeux, Master Peter of Blois.

R.I. f. 22: III. f. 160*d*., where the names from * are found.

lxi. Confirmation by Hugh son of Peter Leon, cardinal deacon of St. Angelo and papal legate, to Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors of a grant made by Richard de Camvill to

them and their church of St. Andrew Wells touching the church of Hengestr' (Hestring') for a perpetual prebend, testified by letters of Richard archbishop of Canterbury and legate, and of Roger bishop of Worcester.

R.I. f. 22: III. f. 387*d*.

Provision by the executors of John de Button the elder, provost in the church of Wells, for a yearly payment of 25 marks by the prior and canons of Berliz and the archdeacon of Wells on the anniversary of the said John (*pridie non. Sept.*); two marks thereof to be distributed by the communar among the canons and clerks of Wells then present; two marks to buy bread for the poor; sixteen marks to four chaplains, singing for the souls of the said John, William his brother, and William his nephew [both] late bishops of Bath and Wells, to be appointed at Michaelmas every year, and to sing daily at the altar of St. Nicholas set up of the goods of the said John in the chapel of our Lady by the cloister, but to be removed for neglect or misconduct; two marks for maintaining two wax candles, one to burn in the lantern before the cross erected of the goods of the said John deceased, the other before the altar of the Virgin; 20*s*. to five choristers to sing an antiphon in honour of the Virgin before her image in the nave; 2*s*. to the communar for his labour; 2*s*. to the sacrist for lighting the candles and sounding the gong; the residue 16*s*. to be applied to lighting and adorning the altar of St. Nicholas as required. One of the chaplains to be appointed principal, to be responsible for the service, receive and distribute the money, making deduction for default; half such deductions to go to the use of the said altar and chapel, half to be retained for his own use.

R.I. f. 22*d*.. III. f. 124*d*., where 26 marks, written over an erasure.

lxii. Grant by Robert de Bolevill, by consent of Beatrice his wife, at the request of Robert bishop of Bath, of his church of Lideford, after the death of William the priest, for a prebend of the church of Wells, saving the vicarage granted, by assent of the said bishop, to Vivian his clerk. Witnesses: Robert archdeacon of Wells, William prior of Briwetun, Roger priest of Aldideford, William de Eli priest, Geoffrey de Cari, Gilbert de Hornblauuetun, Peter Bordarius, John son of William, Walkelin, and Eggwin.

R.I. f. 23.

lxiii. Fine levied in the king's court at Oxeneford on Friday after the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul 33 Henry II., before Randolf de Glanvill the justice, Hubert Walter dean of York, Ralph son of Stephen, William Ruffus, Robert de Inglesham archdeacon of Gloucester, William son of Stephen sheriff of Gloucester, Robert Marmiun, Ralph de Arden, Ralph Murdac, and Henry de Cornhull, between Reginald bishop of Bath and John de Bonevill concerning the advowson of the church of Ledeford. The said John grants that the said church may remain

for ever a prebend of the church of Wells, provided that the said John and his heirs shall present a fit clerk to the prebend, whom the said bishop and his successors shall thereupon institute a canon, but such canon shall have no commons in the church of Wells save by grace of the bishop and chapter.

R.I. f. 23.

lxiiii. Charter of Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath,' confirming the grants made by the late Robert de Boleville, and after by John his brother, to St. Andrew and the canons of Wells of the church of Lideford in almoin. Witnesses: Master Alexander dean of Wells, T. archdeacon of Wells, Joc' the chaplain, Nicholas de Luuer', Hugh de Well', Roger de Godestow, Stephen and Thomas de Tornaco, William de Winton, William de Mertok, Roger de Bradeford.

R.I. f. 23.

lxv. Gift by Henry abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors of the church of Piltun in almoin. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Durham, Hugh bishop of Chester, etc.

R.I. f. 23: repeated f. 23*d*. (No. lxviii.). Adam de Domerham, i. 233.

lxvi. Grant by R. 'minister of the church of Bath' to Vivian clerk of Robert de Bolevill of the vicarage of Lideford, at the request of the said Robert, reciting the grant made by the said Robert, with consent of Beatrice his wife, of his church of Lideford, after the death of William the priest, for a prebend of Wells, saving the said vicarage. Witnesses: Robert archdeacon of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 23.

lxvii. Charter of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury confirming to the canons of Wells the church of Piltun to increase their common fund, as soon as Roger archdeacon of Winchester shall have vacated the same. Two priests to be maintained there for ever, to perform service daily, and to have for stipend 2½ marks a year each, and bread as the vicars of [Wells] have: 100 poor persons to be refreshed in the said church on the obit of the said bishop, and those present at his funeral to have, canons 4*d*., vicars 2*d*. each, all at the expense of the said common fund. Witnesses: Alexander dean of [Wells], William the precentor, Thomas the sub-dean, etc.

R.I. f. 23. Adam de Domerham, i. 236.

lxviii. (See above, No. lxv.)

lxix. Confirmation by Reginald bishop of Bath of gifts and grants made in his time to the church of Wells, namely the church of Piltun by Robert abbot of Glastonbury for two prebends, the church of Suthbrent by the same abbot for a prebend, the church of Haselberg by William son of William for a prebend,

the church of Boklaund by Oliver de Dinan (Dynham) for a prebend, the church of Hengstrigg' by Richard de Canvill for a prebend, the church of Scaudeford by Hamon son of Geoffrey for a prebend, the churches of Cumtun and Brumfeld by Girbert de Perci and Maud his wife for a prebend, and the church of Estharpetre by William son of William son of John for a prebend; also three marks yearly due from the church of Briutun towards a wax candle to burn continually before the high altar, three marks being also due from the church of Briuton to the church of Bath, in the name of the churches of Banewell and Westbery, for the like purpose.

R.I. f. 23*d.*; III. ff. 10, 403.

lxx. Gift by Simon Bozun to St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath of the churches of Karenton, for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells, saving the right of presentation during the grantor's life. Witnesses: Savaricus archdeacon of Norhampton, Dalmasius the steward de Lugduno, *Master Alexander, Hugh de Podio, Joc' the chaplain, Master Roger de Doueliz, Iterius canon of Wells, Roger de Simondesberg', Roger de Godestowe, Robert Bozon clerk, William Bozon, Helias son of Richard, Henry de Traci.

R.I. f. 24: III. f. 402*d.*, where the names from * are found.

lxxi. Confirmation by Reginald bishop of Bath of the gift made by Simon Buzun to St. Andrew Wells touching the churches of Karentun to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: Savaricus archdeacon of Norhampton, Alexander dean of Wells, Thomas archeacon of Wells, Master Robert and Master Godfrey archdeacon of Bath, *William de Cerda and Josc' chaplains, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Thomas de Tornaco, Stephen de Tornaco, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 24: III. f. 192, where the names from * are found.

lxxii. Confirmation by Savaricus bishop of Bath of a grant made by bishop R. his predecessor to his canon Robert Buzun concerning the prebend of the churches of Karenton. Witnesses: Robert de Dina, John de Rammesb', etc.

R.I. f. 24*d.*

lxxiii. Undertaking by G. prior of Bath and the convent to pay 100*s.* yearly rent for ever for a prebend to a canon of Wells, to be appointed by Simon Buzun (*Bulzun) during his life, according to the terms of the grant made to them by the said Simon to possess for ever the churches of Karentun as fully as Hosbern and Robert parsons of the said churches held them, saving the said yearly rent. Witnesses: David priest of Westun, *Henry chaplain of St. Mary in the churchyard of Bath, Master Robert de Castreford, John the clerk, Philip the clerk, Richard de Forda, Swan and Gervase citizens of Bath, Richard Francus, Amfrid.

R.I. f. 24*d.*: III. f. 188*d.*, where the names from * are found.

lxxiiii. Notification by Savericus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to A. dean of Wells and the chapter that he has exempted the prebend of Robert Buzun his canon and clerk from every episcopal charge, with the liberties conferred by his predecessors on more ancient prebends.

R.I. f. 24*d.*: II. f. 35.

lxxv. Confirmation by Henry abbot of Glastonbury and the convent of a gift made by Robert formerly abbot, by consent of the chapter, to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Piltun in almoin, to be at the disposition of R. bishop of Bath and his successors. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Durham, Hugh bishop of Chester, etc.

R.I. f. 24*d.* Adam de Domerham, i. 232.

lxxvi. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by Henry abbot of Glastonbury, with the assent of the chapter, to St. Andrew and the church of Wells of the churches of Piltun and Suthbrente in frank almoin.

R.I. f. 25: repeated f. 41*d.* (No. clviii.). Adam de Domerham, i. 235.

lxxvii. Confirmation by King H[enry II] of a gift made by Robert abbot of Glastonbury, with the assent of his convent, to the church of St. Andrew Wells of his church of Piltun, to establish two prebends in the church of Wells, one of 10 marks the other of the residue: the abbot to pay 10 marks yearly to the canon to whom the bishop shall assign the same prebend, 3 marks to his own vicar serving for him in the church of Wells, the remainder the abbot and his successors shall retain in name of a prebend of Wells, but in case of a vacancy one moiety of this portion shall go to the chapter of Wells, the other to the convent. Also of an ordinance made by Reginald bishop of Bath, with the assent of the chapter of Wells, and convent of Bath, concerning ten churches, namely St. John's in Glastonbury, Mera, Stret, Budekeleg', Siapewica, Sowi, Miriling', Pilton, Pennard, and Dichesieta, that Robert abbot of Glastonbury and his successors be archdeacons thereof for ever, and answer to the bishop of Bath, except for the Easter custom for seven churches, reserving jurisdiction to the abbot in ecclesiastical causes, and in case of a vacancy the archdeaconry to be in the custody of the prior and convent of Glastonbury; and whereas Thomas archdeacon of Wells quitclaimed seven of those churches alleged to belong to his archdeaconry, and granted three which undoubtedly belonged thereto, to stay all differences between the churches of Wells and Glastonbury, the abbot, by assent of his convent, has assigned to the said archdeacon the church of Suthbrente for a prebend of Wells, so that the archdeacon and his successors may be canons thereof. Abbots after election to receive their archdeaconry and prebend of the bishop. Witnesses: Robert the chancellor, etc.

R.I. f. 25. Adam de Domerham, i. 229–232.

lxxviii. Grant by Maud de Arundell, with the assent of Gerbert de Perci her husband, to St. Andrew Wells, at the request of Reginald bishop of Bath, of the church of Brunfeld in almoin, saving the right and holding of Geoffrey and Philip the priests. Witnesses: Henry archdeacon of Exeter, Richard archdeacon of Bath, etc.

R.I. f. 25*d*.

lxxix. Confirmation by Reginald bishop of Bath of the grant made by Maud de Arundel to St. Andrew Wells of the church of Brunfeld in frank almoin. Witnesses: Henry archdeacon of Exeter, Richard archdeacon of Bath, etc.

R.I. f. 25*d*.

lxxx. Grant by Reginald bishop of Bath to St. Andrew Wells and the canons there of their barton quit of all service, and particularly of a rent of 12*d*. which they used to pay him.

R.I. f. 25*d*., repeated f. 59*d*. (No. ccxxviii.)

lxxxi. Writing of Robert 'minister of the church of Bath,' addressed to T. archbishop of Canterbury, etc., reciting that Hywis in Brentemarsh, a portion of land commonly called a hide, member of his manor of Banewell, had been transferred to the possession of several clerks and laymen, namely to Master Walter de Moretania when the said Robert became bishop, after him to Master Alvred, then to Master Richard de Monte acuto, without certain title, and lest it should come into lay hands, constituting the same a perpetual prebend of the church of St. Andrew Wells, with the liberties of other prebends. Done at Wells, ii non. Nov. 1159, by assent of Ivo the dean and the canons of Wells, Peter the prior and the convent of Bath, Alan abbot of Muchelen[ey], Benedict abbot of Adhelighen[ey], Robert prior of Glastonbury, William prior of Montacute, Stephen prior of the canons of Tanton, William prior of the canons of Briuton, Robert and Th[omas] archdeacons.

R.I. f. 26.

lxxxii. Charter of Robert 'minister of the church of Bath,' addressed to P. prior of Bath, I. dean of Wells, etc. granting to the church of his manor of Cumtun a small portion of land commonly called a croft by his orchard on the north, with a road between, and adjacent on the west side to a croft adjoining and belonging to the said church. Witnesses: The chapter of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 26*d*.

lxxxiii. Confirmation by T. archbishop of Canterbury of a gift made by Robert bishop of Bath to the church of St. Andrew Wells of a land called Hywis for a prebend.

R.I. f. 26*d*.; III, f. 366*d*.

lxxxiiii. Gift by Joscelin bishop of Bath to Helias the chaplain his canon and parson of the church of Cumtun, and to his church for an endowment at its dedication, of 10 acres in

his moor of Cumptun to enclose with a dyke, and licence to pasture 10 oxen with the oxen of the said bishop in his manor of Cumptun in any place except meadows, corn and gardens, and to his successors for ever. [*Dated Cumpton, at the dedication of the said church, iii id. July 31 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan].

R.I. f. 26*d*. (The date* supplied from an *inspeximus*, III. f. 388*d*.)

lxxxv. Grant by Joscelin bishop of Bath, at the request of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, to Helias the chaplain canon of the prebend of Cumtun and to his successors, that the land of Hiwis in Brentemarsh, formerly member of the bishop's manor of Banewell, with the men dwelling therein, shall be quit of suit to the hundred of Banewell, which the said bishop claimed. Dated Banewell,* the octave of the Assumption 23 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Gilbert de Tanton.

R.I. f. 27 : III. f. 388, where the date * is found.

lxxxvi. *Inspeximus* and assent by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent to the last grant.

R.I. f. 27 : III. f. 388.

lxxxvii. *Inspeximus* and confirmation by William dean of Wells and the chapter of the same grant.

R.I. f. 27.

lxxxviii. Proceedings in the chapter of Wells on the morrow of St. James Ap. 26 bishop Joscelin, in a cause between William archdeacon of Wells on the one part, and Helias the chaplain, canon of Wells of the prebend of Cumpton, on the other part, concerning the liberty of a portion of the said prebend called Hywis, concerning which the said parties submitted to the ordinance of the bishop, namely that he with the counsel and consent of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter (following the ordinance of Robert his predecessor, who gave the said prebend the liberty of other prebends, by consent of his churches and of Robert then archdeacon of Wells) ordained, in presence and by consent of William archdeacon of Wells, that the said portion called Hiwis be free and exempt from all jurisdiction of the said archdeacon and his successors for ever. Sealed by the bishop and chapter.

R.I. f. 27 : III. f. 389.

lxxxix. Release by Matthew prior of Bradenestok and the convent to Alexander dean of Wells and the canons of all right and claim in the church of Ceddra. Witnesses : Walter prior of Bath, etc.

R.I. f. 27.

lxxxx. Grant by Lucy daughter of Master John de Kardunvilla to Helias the chaplain canon of Wells of all her land in Wells granted her by her father, situate between the land granted by her father to John her brother and Mirabel her sister and land

late of Walter Mauger called Muntoria, saving a rent of 12*d.* a year to the lord, in consideration of two marks. Abjuration by the said Lucy in full hundred of Wells, and surrender to Helias of a charter of Sir Walter de Dunhevede. Witnesses: Master Lambert subdean of Wells, *Robert *de camera* succentor, William de Kaynesham, Richard de Welles, Richard de Attebere, John Kauuell', Master Robert de Berkel' canons of Wells, Adam de Hereford, Stephen de Bradeford, Robert de Kusinton vicars of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, John the spenser, Yvo Kede, Robert Prat, Jordan his son, John Virgun, Lambert his son, William Buche, Robert le Taillur, Thomas le Taillur, Oram le Taillur, Nicholas, John the clerk, Walter the clerk.

R.I. f. 27*d.*: repeated f. 161*d.*, where the names from * are found.

lxxxxi. Grant by John son of Master John de Kardunvill' and Mirabel his sister to Helias the chaplain canon of Wells of their land in Wells beyond the dyke on the eastern side of their garden, extending eastward from the said dyke to the croft of Adam Giwold, and their dovecote with the land about it, as the bounds between them show, paying to them and their heirs a rent of 2*d.* at Michaelmas, in consideration of 20*s.*, with warranty. Abjuration by grantors in full hundred of Wells. Witnesses: Peter dean of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 27*d.*: repeated f. 161*d.*

lxxxxii. Grant by Helias the chaplain canon of Wells to the chapter of his manse in Wells, between the manse late of Adam the succentor and that late of Walter Mauger called Muntoria, subject to a yearly rent of 12*d.* to Walter de Wika and his heirs, and of 2*d.* at Michaelmas to John de Kardunvill' and Mirabel his sister and their heirs for the dovecote and strip of land (*curta terra*), to be delivered to farm to a canon resident for ever in succession, at a yearly cess of one mark on the grantor's anniversary, to be divided among the canons and vicars present: but if by the custom of the realm the chapter may not hold the said manse, then the chapter, to which grantor commits his functions, shall in his right appoint a canon resident, as above. Witnesses: Peter de Cicestre dean of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 27*d.*: repeated f. 161*d.*

lxxxxiii. Grant by Walter de Dunhevede, by assent of his wife and his heirs, to Adam de Lectun priest his kinsman (*cognato*) of one acre in Wells next grantee's house on the north, to hold of grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of 12*d.* Witnesses: Thomas nephew of the bishop, etc.

R.I. f. 28.

lxxxxiiii. Grant by Walter de Dunheved, by assent of his wife and heirs, to Malger the priest at Wells of the land lying between grantor's garden and the land of Adam de Lectune, in length from the street to the dyke, and in width five perches less two feet, to hold of grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of 12*d.* Witnesses: Sir Odo, etc.

R.I. f. 28.

lxxxxv. Decree of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury that, whereas several prebends of Wells established in parish churches are subject to the jurisdictions and dues of the archdeacons, contrary to the custom of other prebends, and cannot immediately be freed therefrom, upon the decease of the archdeacons the same shall enjoy the immunities of the ancient prebends, and the churches and lands which have been or shall be conferred upon the church of Wells likewise. Done in chapter at Wells, the octave of St. Michael 1203.

R.I. f. 28: II. f. 42*d.*, repeated f. 47*d.*: III. f. 12.

lxxxxvi. Licence by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to the chapter of Wells to publish sentence of interdict or excommunication on those who encroach upon their property or rights, without waiting for his presence; and order to all incumbents to observe the same.

R.I. f. 28*d.*: repeated f. 114*d.*: II. f. 43: III. f. 12.

lxxxxvii. Licence by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to the chapter of Wells to publish sentence of excommunication by his authority against any who encroach upon their possessions during his detention at a distance, in accordance with a general sentence against such offenders already published by the said bishop in synod.

R.I. f. 28*d.* . repeated f. 114*d.* . III. f. 11*d.*

lxxxxviii. Licence by S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to the chapter to publish sentence of excommunication upon those who encroach upon their ecclesiastical property; and order to all clerks to observe the same.

R.I. f. 29.

lxxxxix. Writing of H. de Well' archdeacon of Wells (following in the footsteps of S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury) releasing all prebends of the church of Wells and all churches belonging to the church of Wells within his archdeaconry from every charge, exaction, custom and subjection of the archdeacons, deans and other their ministers, and transferring the same to the dean and chapter after the manner of ancient prebends. Witnesses: The chapter of Wells. Done in chapter, Pentecost 7 John.

R.I. f. 29: II. f. 42*d.*: III. f. 12*d.*

c. Letter of R. dean of Salisbury to I. dean of Wells, written at the request of R. the precentor and Master M., concerning the dignity and privilege of his office in the city of Salisbury, stating that the dean is archdeacon in the first place of the city and all suburbs, and secondly of all prebends in the bishopric, whether in churches or in lands, and answerable only to the bishop for Peter's pence.

R.I. f. 29.

ci. Letter of H. dean of Salisbury and the convent to Ivo dean of Wells and the convent (*sic*), touching the dispute between the

dean of Wells and the archdeacons, stating that among them the archdeacon has no power in the prebends over canons, their clerks or parishioners, but the canons are archdeacons in their prebends, and present clerks to the dean for orders, and he to the bishop, therefore it is contrary to their customs for the canons' clerks to be summoners or apparitors of the archdeacons: that churches and chapels in their diocese, whether on their own estate or another's, are freed from vexation and subjection to the archdeacons: that the subdean holds of the dean the archdeaconry of the city and suburbs.

R.I. f. 29: III. f. 253*d*., where imperfect, f. 254 having been cut out.

cii. Letter of the convent of Salisbury to R. bishop of Bath, in answer to questions of the canons of Wells touching the customs of their church, stating that every priest canon performs a trental of masses for a deceased brother, and those in inferior orders 20 psalters, and besides they perform in common annals (*anniversale missarum*), namely every canon in whatever orders 10 masses: that every canon is archdeacon in his own prebend, and the churches of prebends are in no respect subject to the archdeacons: that the canons wherever they be by the dean's leave have their share in the common fund: that all indifferently ought to have a vicar except those at the schools, or travelling to Rome for the good of the church, but the bishop may have three canons as his chaplains, one priest, one deacon and one subdeacon, without a vicar, none however is exempt from the office of the week: that at all solemnities where the canons are present with the bishop, they are chaplains, and share equally with the chaplains all rights of a chaplain: that in the oblation of the high altar, whether the bishop sing or not, the chaplains take no part unless they be canons: that the canons may never be absent without leave.

R.I. f. 29*d*.

ciii. Letter of H. dean of Salisbury and the chapter to R. dean of Wells and the chapter, in answer to questions touching their custom, stating that the prebend of any deceased dean, archdeacon, parson, or simple canon falls to the use of the canons for one year after his decease, the canons receiving two thirds of all obventions, and one third being distributed for the soul of deceased, in paying his debts or in almsgiving; but that the deanery or any parsonage does not pass to the canons, nor belong to the deceased, but must be left, as the dean or parson received it, to his successor, that is to say with the same stock; if however there be more, it must be distributed for his soul.

R.I. f. 29*d*.: III. f. 13.

ciiii. Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath appointing the manor and church of Northcury, hitherto in possession of the chapter of Wells, to the augmentation of the common fund of the church of Wells, saving provision for a vicar therein, to be presented by the chapter. Dated Woky, the morrow of St.

Michael 34 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 30: III. f. 28*d*.

cv. Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath confirming the church of Ceddre to the augmentation of the common fund of his church of Wells, saving provision for a vicar therein, to be presented by the chapter. Dated Wells, the day of St. Thomas the Martyr 34 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenest[an].

R.I. f. 30.

cvi. Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath appointing the church of Mudeford (whereof John Chauuel has resigned the parsonage and Ralph de Warevill the vicarage into the said bishop's hands) to the augmentation of the common fund of his church of Wells on the morrow of St. Hilary 1239, having inducted the church of Wells into possession thereof, saving provision for a vicar, to be presented by the chapter, and saving the right of the archdeacon of Wells. Dated Chyu, 34 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 30.

Of the relation of certain villeins of the bishop of Bath and Wells of his homage of Lidiard the [bishop's] steward and bailiff [were given to understand] that, whereas the dean and chapter of St. Andrew Wells, by reason of their parsonage of Lidiard Episcopi, ought to have [and used to have pasture] for eight oxen in the pastures of the said bishop in his manor of Lidiard wherein the bishop's oxen [happen] to be pasturing, the [said] bishop ought to pasture in a meadow of the dean and chapter of their said parsonage called Fouracre [during the time that the said meadow] was not mown, in the demesne of the dean and chapter. Whereupon the steward [charged] the whole homage to give their verdict, who say that the dean and chapter, by reason of the said parsonage, ought to have [and used to have pasture for eight] oxen pasturing with the bishop's oxen in singular the pastures and meadows of the said bishop within his manor [aforesaid without exception], without that the bishop ought to pasture in any pasture or meadow of the dean and chapter within [the said manor], and thus they have been used to do long time past. They say also that this was formerly found [before Sir John] de Clyvedone steward by twelve free jurors, when Master Anthony de Bradeneye was [farmer of the said church].

R.I. f. 30 (on a schedule, defective): copy f. 148 (from which the defects are supplied.)

cvii. Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath confirming the church of Lideard, hitherto in possession of the chapter of Wells, to the augmentation of their common fund, saving provision for a vicar therein, to be presented by the chapter.

Dated Chyu, (*Lidiard), the morrow of St. Philip and St. James 34 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 30: **III.** f. 408*d.*, where the reading * is found.

Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath confirming the church of St. Chutbert Wells, hitherto in possession of the chapter of Wells, to the augmentation of their common fund, saving provision for a vicar therein, to be presented by the chapter. Dated Kyngesbury, the morrow of St. German 35 bishop Joscelin, by the hand of Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 30*d.*

Quitclaim by Richard de Wrotham to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, exempting their men and the men of their fees and their churches from lawings (*espeltamentis*) of dogs, and money to be paid for the same.

R.I. f. 30*d.*

cviii. Ordinance of Robert 'minister of the church of Bath,' (finding the church of Wells unduly oppressed by the provostry,) concerning the deanery and prebends of Wells, constituting of Wedmoreland six prebends and a deanery, one to be the church of Wedmore with its appurtenances, to belong to the subdean; a second the land of Bidesham (one virgate excepted), assigned to the repairs of the church of St. Andrew and purchase of ornaments, but also to find a vicar; the rest of the land of Wedmore, with Mudesley, Merche, and the virgate in Bidesham above excepted, to be held by the dean, paying yearly to four canons 20*l.* (100*s.* a piece), and any surplus to his own use, with the church of Woky; Lutthuna one prebend assigned to the deanery; Withechirch (Whytecherch) one prebend; Dultingchot and Chellechot (Chelcote, Clelecote) one; Wrmestorre one; Wandestreu one; in Winesham five, one to be the church of that estate; the town three prebends, to be held by one of the canons who shall pay yearly thereout two prebends, each of 100*s.*, retaining the residue for his own prebend; the fifth Bromley: Cumba as one prebend to be held for life by Reginald the precentor, in memory of benefits conferred by bishop John his uncle, and after his decease three prebends and a precentorship to be made of that town at the discretion of the dean and chapter, the church thereof constituting a fifth prebend: granting also to St. Andrew Wells the church of Jatton for a prebend; also Hiuis (Hywysh) in Brentemarsh and the church of Cumpton to make one prebend; also half a hide in Wotton, with a virgate given by bishop Gyso to the chapel of St. Mary, and half a hide conferred upon the church of St. Cuthbert at its dedication by bishop Godfrey; also the tithe of his wine: and lastly providing bread for canons present at matins. Done in presence of Henry bishop of Winchester. Witnesses: William archbishop of Canterbury, Thurstan archbishop of York, Roger [bishop] of Salisbury,

William of Exeter, Simon of *Worcester, Robert of Hereford, Bernard of St. David's, Roger of Chester, Alexander of Lincoln, Nigel of Ely, Seffrid of Chichester.

R.I. f. 31: II. f. 13, f. 40: III. f. 9, where the names from * are found. The reading *ad subdecanatum* is in II. and III., but in I. it is erroneously *decanatum*. See Canon Church, *Early History of the Church of Wells*, App. A, p. 352; Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 24.

Petition of the chapter ot Wells to R. bishop of Bath and Wells for licence to elect a dean, sent by Master T. de Button archdeacon of Wells, E. de la Cnoll, the late dean, having died on Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Dated Wells, xi kal. Octob. 1284.

Licence to elect, dated Overton, kal. Octob. 1284.

R.I. f. 31*d*.

Citation issued on St. Nigasius' day by the chapter of Wells, in presence of the precentor, the archdeacon of Wells, the chancellor, etc., to each of the canons, to be present on Wednesday after St. Martin's day to elect a dean in place of Edward late dean deceased, dated v id. October 1284. Names of the absent canons whose letters of citation were delivered to their several vicars: on the dean's side, Nicholas de Cranford, William son of William, Henry de Grandisono, Malcolinus, Robert de Fangfos, Nicholas de St. Quintin, Thomas de Cherleton, Robert de Waye, Roger de Turkeby, Bogo de Clare, William de Hameledon, William de Midelton, Walter de Haselschagh, Walter de Bathonia: on the precentor's side, the abbot of Muchel[ney], William Burnel, Reginald de Legh, John de Dereby, Henry Husee, Bartholomew de Castell', Simon de Micham, Geoffrey de Haspale, Reymund de Rading, Ralph de Fremigh[am], Nicholas de Wodeford, Roger Baret, John de Kyrkebi, Richard de Bamfeld, James de Hispania, Lewis de Bello campo, Thomas de Midelton, Gilbert de Sancto Leof[ardo], the abbot of Athel[ney], Thomas de Sudington.

R.I. f. 31*d*.

[Note.—f. 32 has been cut out].

Statute made on St. Mark's day 1308, in a general convocation of the canons of Wells, by J. de Godele dean and the chapter, that at the celebration of any mass at the high altar all canons, vicars and others wearing the habit in the choir shall kneel at the elevation of the host and of the chalice; that the sacrist shall ring the new bell at the elevation of the host; also that farmers of the common goods of the chapter who do not pay their farms when due shall take nothing of the common fund or of other obventions in the said church till their arrears be paid.

R.I. f. 33.

Memorandum that Master Walter de St. Quintin archdeacon of Tanton and prebendary of the church of Milverton thereto annexed died xv kal. January 1263.

R.I. f. 33.

cix. Grant by Roger the chaplain, canon of Wells rector of Chyuton, in almoin to the church of St. Andrew and the chancellor of Wells, to the use of the school, of his houses with the whole curtilage, late of Reginald de Waltham, provided that Richard de Kenilword the chancellor and his successors confer the same upon the schoolmaster for the time being, subject to a yearly rent of 12*d.* to Sir John de Palton or his heirs, of 12*d.* to Henry de Waltham or his heirs, and of 7*d.* to the chapter, and to these payments for the increase of grantor's obit: 1*d.* each to three clerks of the three altars of St. Andrew's church, if present, 2*d.* to the sacrist, 7*d.* to the boys present, and food for five poor men; the master to keep the same in repair, to perform the office of the dead on the day of grantor's obit with all the scholars, to procure one psalter that day after divine service from each one who knows the psalter, the rest to say prayers as he shall arrange, and all to pray every school day before the recess for his soul, his father's mother's and benefactors' souls, and sing an antiphon every Wednesday and Friday in honour of the Virgin. Witnesses: Richard de Well', Master Walter de Derham, Joscelin canons of Wells, etc.

Marginal note of later date.—*Nota quod iste domus eriguntur iam in collegium pro mansis damicellariorum capellanorum.*

A second note, still later.—*Non, sed sunt infra septum domus in qua nunc manet dominus Fisziamis cancellarius.*

R.I. f. 33*d.*

cx. Quitclaim by John de Palton to the church of St. Andrew and the chancellor of Wells for the time being, to the use of the scholars and school of Wells, of the houses with the whole curtilage late of Roger the chaplain, canon of Wells, between the houses of Alice Garle and those in which the said Roger last dwelt, saving to the said John and his heirs yearly 12*d.*, in consideration of two marks paid by William de Merton dean of Wells, Richard de Kenilleword chancellor and the other executors of the said Roger. Witnesses: Sir William de Greynvill, Sir Philip de Wyk knights, William the steward, Henry de Lond', Richard de Well', canons, of Wells, etc.

R.I. f. 33*d.*

cxi. Grant by Thomas Loek son of Master Adam Loeck mason (*cementarii*), by assent of Agnes his mother, of Lambert the subdean and Richard de Well' canons of Wells, executors of Adam Lock his father, to Roger de Chyuton chaplain of Joscelin bishop of Bath, of his houses in Wells and croft between the houses late of Master Peter Canutus and the house of Alice Garleck, with half an acre of land in the field of Wells, to hold of grantor and his heirs, subject to a yearly rent of 12*d.* to Sir John de Palton and his heirs, and of 12*d.* to Henry de Waltham and his heirs: livery of seisin and quitclaim by the said Thomas and Agnes in the hundred of Wells, and warranty, with undertaking to pay ten marks on failure of such warranty: consideration,

seven marks paid to the said Thomas and three marks to the said Agnes. Sealed by Lambert the subdean, Richard de Well', and grantor. Witnesses: Lambert the subdean, etc.

R.I. f. 34. See original deed No. 30.

cxii. Confirmation by Agnes widow of Master Adam Lock mason of a grant made by Thomas Lock her son to Roger de Chyuton chaplain of Joscelin bishop of Bath, of his houses in Wells and half an acre of land late of Adam his father; quit-claim to the said Roger of her dower, and warranty, in consideration of three marks, with undertaking to pay 40*s.* on failure of such warranty. Witnesses: Lambert the subdean, Master Elyas de Derham steward of bishop Joscelin, Richard de Well', William de Wethamsted canons of Wells, Master Vincent, Walter de Brideport, Richard de Langport vicars of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, Laurence and Ivo Cade reeves of Wells, Deodatus and Thomas Noreis masons.

R.I. f. 34: repeated f. 161.

Memorandum that in the deanery, after the dean's death, should be left for his successor 24 oxen worth one mark each, for Cherchlond two oxen worth two marks, two plough horses worth 20*s.*, one bull worth 12*s.*, one cow worth 10*s.*, one boar worth 40*d.*, one sow worth 2*s.* (the rest erased).

That at Pilton, which belongs to the precentors of Wells, should be left after the precentor's death for his successor eight oxen.

That in the prebend of Wandestr' should be left, after the death of the canon of that prebend, eight oxen, one cow, one plough horse, one cart bound with iron or one wain, one dish with tripod.

R.I. f. 34*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 216-7.

Ordinance of bishop Jocelin concerning the treasury of Wells made in 1226.—The tithes of the rectory of Martok, namely hay, pork(?) and silver worth 4*l.* 10*s.*: the tithe of hay, heriots, eggs against Easter, wool, lambs, cheeses, the tithe of cows, dovecote with garden. He shall receive on St. Laurence' day of the prior of Otriton at Martok 100*s.*, whereof to the prior of Merton 53*s.* 4*d.*; of the prior of Bruton yearly from the church of Westbury 40*s.*; of the archdeacon of Wells 26*s.* 8*d.*; of the rents of tenants of St. Andrew 4*lb.* of wax, and the residue of the wax arising with the dead in the church of St. Andrew; of the rent of the canons' grange on St. Martin's day; of the rector of [Weston] 100*lb.* of wax, whereof he shall find the subtreasurer in the church of St. Andrew, and he shall receive yearly [11*s.*] and puture; towards the stipend of a sacrist 20*s.* a year, and that of the clerk of St. Mary 6*s.* 8*d.*, towards the mending of vestments; he shall find mats(?) in the choir worth 3*s.*; towards the stipend of a laundress to wash vestments 3*s.*; he shall find a place for making wax with fat, and for making the eucharist;

he shall find a light burning in a mortar, ropes for ringing the bells and for the lenten veil, rushes throughout the summer, 350*lb.* and more of wax before the high altar, and incense in the church.

Note that the above was extracted from the fly leaf of an old missal of Martok, in the time of Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, by Robert de Notingham his clerk.

R.I. f. 34*d.*

cxiii. Grant by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter to Roger the chaplain their fellow canon of houses in Wells, late of Master Peter Canutus, for 20 marks paid on their behalf by the said Roger to Hernisius de Duneheved, in acquittance of a claim by him laid in the king's court, saving a yearly rent of 6*d.* to grantors, and 12*d.* to the lord of the fee. Dated *pridie idus Januar.* 1235, by Master Richard chancellor of Wells.

R.I. f. 35.

cxiiii. Charter whereby Roger parson of Chyuton canon of Wells, by assent of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, appointed after his death his houses in Wells, late of Master Peter Canutus, to be held for life by a canon of Wells whom the said Roger may name, subject to a yearly rent of 6*d.* at Michaelmas to the chapter, and 12*d.* to the lord of the fee, and payment of 10*s.* on the obit of the said Roger, to be distributed by the keeper of the common fund among the canons and vicars present ; and after the death of such canon the dean and chapter may confer the same upon a canon resident, whom they will, upon the same conditions. Witnesses: Richard the chancellor, Henry the treasurer, William subdean of Wells, Richard de Well', Ralph de Warevilla canons of Wells, Walter de Brideport, Walter de Wedmor, David de Bristol vicars of Wells. Dated id. January 1205. (Marginal note correcting the date to 1235).

R.I. f. 35: repeated f. 161, where the date is (correctly) 1235.

cxv. *Inspeximus* and confirmation of the last charter by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter (the date being 1235). Dated xix kal. Feb. 1235.

R.I. f. 35.

cxvi. Award of Joscelin bishop of Bath in a dispute between Alwred son of Robert de Ponsaud lord of Suthbarwe, Maud his mother who held the said town in dower, and Thomas de Aldiitheford clerk presented to the same church by the said Alwerd and Maud on the one part, and the dean and chapter of Wells on the other part, touching the patronage of the church there, and the claim of the chapter to have the church to their own use by grant of Alwerd grandfather of the said Alwerd de Ponseud and confirmation of Reinald bishop of Bath, reciting that the chapter were of old time in possession of 2*s.* of the said church, the grant of Alwred de Ponsoud the grandfather

and the confirmation of bishop Reginald, and appointing that the chapter shall present the said Thomas de Alditheford, and have the right of presentation in future; and because the said church is poor, it shall be quit of the jurisdiction of the chapter, and of the payment of the said 2*s.*; and further that the rector and parishioners of Suthbarwe shall attend the chapters of the archdeacon of Wells like the other rectors and parishioners of that archdeaconry, and be subject to that archdeacon, and the church shall answer to that archdeacon touching the *cathedraticum* and every other right of the archdeacon. Sealed by the bishop, the chapter, Alwerd de Ponsoud and Maud. Done at Wells, id. March 1237.

R.I. f. 35*d.*

cxviii (*sic*). Grant by Aluredus de Ponsot (*Punsot) to St. Andrew and the common fund of Wells, and to Reinald the bishop, of the church of Berewe situate upon his estate. Witnesses: *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Master Robert de Geldeford archdeacon, Master Alexander subdean of Wells, Jocelin, William de Cerda chaplains, Master Roger de Boueliz (*sic*), Master Roger Porret', William de Wynton, William de Martoc, Roger de Godest[owe], etc.

R.I. f. 35*d.*: repeated f. 61*d.*, where the witnesses' names are found.

cxvii (*sic*). Grant by Stephen prior of Tanton and the canons to Rainald bishop of Bath, that all their churches and chapels shall be answerable to the said bishop and his successors and to their officials in all customs, except the chapels of St. James, St. George *de fonte*, St. Margaret *infirmorum* and St. Peter *de castello;* also that the churches of Aissa in the chapter of Spakest[on] and of Wiþele (Widele) in the chapter of Dunestor shall be answerable as mother churches, and that their canons ministering in their churches and chapels shall be answerable as other clerks (chaplains) of the bishopric. Witnesses: William abbot of Kaynesham, Geoffrey archdeacon of Salisbury, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Ralph archdeacon of Bath, Richard archdeacon of Coutances, Master Walter prior of Berliz, Jocelin the chaplain, William the chaplain, Master Alexander, Master Gilbert de Axebrig', Master Roger.

R.I. f. 35*d.* A similar instrument, R. III. f. 342, but the chapels are there called simply St. James, St. George, St. Margaret, and St. Peter *de castello;* Widele stends for Wiþele, chaplains for clerks; and the witnesses are William abbot of Kainesham, Walter prior of Bath, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Ralph archdeacon of Bath, Master Alexander, Joscelin the chaplain, and Master Roger.

cxix. Agreement between Reinald bishop of Bath and William son of Richard de Maulesberg concerning a land (about seven acres) by the wood of Wokiole and a meadow (about five acres) at Poulesham claimed by the bishop: the said William renders the same to the bishop, abjuring all right for himself and his heirs, quitclaims the bishop's multure of Westberi which he claimed, and remits all plaints; in consideration whereof the

bishop gives the said William 100*s*. and remits all plaints against him. Witnesses: Jocelin bishop of Salisbury, Master Walter precentor of Salisbury, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Baldwin chancellor of Salisbury, Master Ralph de Lechelad, Jocelin the chaplain, Geoffrey de Northweg', Master Robert de Geldeford, Stephen de Torn[aco] canon of Wells, Daniel de Ponte, Geoffrey the clerk, Master Roger, Stephen de Rading, Ralph de St. George, Geoffrey de St. George, Adam de Erleg', Matthew de Torinton, Philip de Wika, Richard de Ken, Peter de Chiu, J. etc.

R.I. f. 36.

cxx. Charter of H. son of Payn de Panebrige (Penebrigg'), confirming in the presence of Reginald bishop of Bath his abjuration made upon the gospel and relics of saints in the presence of Robert late bishop of Bath and Roger bishop of Worcester, with Payn his father, his kinsmen Roger Witeng' (*Whyteing) and his brethren William, Robert and Gilbert de Almari, also Osbert de Bathonia, and Ralph Denebol (*Denebold) with Robert his brother, of all right they claimed in the lands of Wells church, namely Winesham, Wermestorra, Modeslege with one virgate of Bidesham thereto belonging, and Merke (*Merker), and the service of Rainer de Wandestreu, as they did, with warranty. Witnesses: Eustace son of Stephen, Savaricus de Vaus, *Baldwin son of Gerold, Godfrey de Dynre, Philip de Wyke, Henry de Seles, Adam de Lanbr' (Lambr'), Walkelin de Maresco, Raher de Alra.

R.I. f. 36: III. ff. 16, 374*d*., 402, where the grantor is called in the margin Henry, and the names from * are found.

cxxi. Abjuration upon the gospel and relics of saints, made at Bath, *pridie idus Marcii* 1164 (being *letare Jerusalem* Sunday), in the presence of Robert bishop of Bath and Roger bishop of Worcester, by the nephews of Reginald the precentor, namely Payn de Peneburggia (Penebrigg') with Henry his son, Roger Witeing with William, Robert and Gilbert de Almari his brethren, Osbert de Bathonia, and Ralph Denebold with Robert his brother, of rights claimed by them in certain lands of Wells church, namely Winesham, Wurmestorra, Mudesliegh with one virgate of Bidesham thereto belonging, and Merker, and the service of Rainer de Wandestreu (Wandesheia); in consideration thereof the dean and chapter gave them a bond with sureties for 70 marks, whereof they paid that day 15 marks 10*s*. In presence of Richard dean of Wells, Reginald the precentor, Geoffrey the succentor, Godfrey archdeacon of Worcester, *Thomas archdeacon of Bath, Alvred de Chyu (Chieu), Nicholas de Wynesham, Baldwin de Sancto Genesio, †Robert son of William, †Paris, Odo, Samson clerk of the bishop of Worcester, Ilbert de North'on (de Norman), Robert de Alamar (Allamara), John de Ken, William Flamang, John son of Richilda, Jocelin de Wynesham, Geoffrey Franc[us], Alexander the cook, Simon son of Richard, William Godard, Thomas the precentor's man,

Geoffrey son of Robert de Westbury, Richard de Glaston', Elias archdeacon Thomas' man.

R.I. f. 36*d.*: III. ff. 15*d.*, 102*d.*, where the names from * are found. At the last reference, for Robert son of William is read Robert son of Baldwin. and for Paris Henry.

cxxii. Charter of William prior of Golclive and the convent, assenting to an award made by J. bishop of Bath and Gaston (*sic*) between them and Leonius dean of Wells and the chapter touching the church of Staweia, namely that the prior and convent shall have the said church with the liberties of the canons of Wells within their prebends, paying yearly to the chapter 40*s.* at four terms. Witnesses: Maurice archdeacon of Land[aff], Morinus dean of Langist[on], Durand, Thobias, William chaplains, Maud de Candos, etc.

R.I. f. 36*d.*

cxxiii. Submission by W. prior of Golclive and the convent to J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, of their dispute with the canons of Wells touching the church of Staweia.

R.I. f. 36*d.*

cxxiiii. Grant by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to Reinald the clerk, son of Simon Buzun knight, at the presentation of his father, of 100*s.* yearly in the churches of Kareton, in the name of a prebend of Wells, to be paid by Gilbert Gemel in the name of the prior and convent of Bath at four terms. Witnesses: Geoffrey archdeacon of Berkshire, Master Alan, Master Robert, etc.

R.I. f. 37.

cxxv. Award by William abbot of Kainesham and G. prior of Briuton (in the absence of the prior of Bath, to whom with them the matter was referred by Pope Celestine), addressed to Robert archdeacon of Bath, in a dispute between Roger parson of Staweia and Robert chaplain of Oterhameton, touching the small tithes of Halesheg'; namely that the said Robert having renounced his claim, the said Roger granted the same to him for life, subject to the yearly payment of one wax candle of 4*d.* at Michaelmas.

R.I. f. 37.

cxxvi. Award by R. abbot of Ford, W. abbot of Binedon and R†. dean of Wells, to whom the matter was referred by bull of Pope Urban dated Verona xii kal. September, in a dispute between Roger parson of Staweia and Robert chaplain of Otrumeton, touching the tithings of Moxilla, whereby the said Robert acknowledges that the said tithings belong to the church of Staweia, and the said Roger resigns the same to the said Robert for life, subject to a yearly payment to him of 2*s.* 6*d.* Witnesses: William the monk of Ford, Master Richard the chaplain, Master William de Spacheston, *Richard vice-archdeacon, and in presence of the chapter at Ileministre.

R.I. f. 37: III. f. 259, where the words from * are found. Dean Alexander seems to have been contemporary with Pope Urban III.

cxxvii. Confirmation by Reinald bishop of Bath of a gift made by Maud de Chandos to the church of St. Andrew Wells, touching the church of Staweia, to hold the same in frank almoin. Witnesses: Master Ralph de Lechela (*Lichelad), Master Robert de Gildefort, Jocelin the chaplain, Herman de Wivelescumb,* Richard de Spakestona dean, Walter the chaplain, Robert parson of Wllavint[on], Bald[win] Malet, Wimund de Craucumba, Teodoric de Mudiford, Hugh son of Malger, Richard Fichet, Philip de Orsi, Geoffrey son of Walter, Anfrey Trivet, Jordan de Caninton, Richard de Carevill, William Spech', Robert de Cnaploc,' Adam de Ramesberi, Richard the marshal, Clement de Bathonia.

R.I. f. 37*d*.: III. f. 187*d*., where the names from * are found.

cxxviii. *Inspeximus* by Henry de Traci of a gift made by Oliver de Tracy his father to St. Andrew Wells and Reinald bishop of Bath of the church of Bovy for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells; and confirmation of the said prebend and church of Suthbovy to Jocelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury. Witnesses: Robert de Curtenay, Henry de la Pumeraye, *William Briwerr the younger, Reginald de Vaucort (*sic*), Hugh Peverel, William Buzun, William de Raleg', John son of Richard, Ralph the archdeacon, Baldwin de Belestan, Geoffrey de Daic', Hugh de Chageford, William de Puntchardini.

R.I. f. 37*d*.: III. f. 109, where the names from * are found, but Curtenay is omitted.

cxxix. *Inspeximus* and confimation by John bishop of Exeter of the above gift made by Oliver de Tracy, saving the right of himself and his successors and of their officials. Witnesses: Walter prior of Bath, Robert de Gildeford archdeacon of Bath,* Master Gregory, Master Reginald, Master Adam de Talatun, Master Galienus, Master Miles, William son of Jordan, Master John Longus, and Nicholas de Hellestun.

R.I. f. 37*d*.: III. f. 372*d*., where the names from * are found.

cxxx. Grant by Robert de Kari lord of Luvitune to St. Andrew of Wells of the advowson of the church of Luvitone, and one hide of land free of service, consisting of 160 acres, neither better nor worse, four score in one field and four score in the other, with all things pertaining to one hide, and one messuage near the church to the size of the lord's (*dominici*) messuage. Witnesses: Master Alexander dean of Wells, Master Robert de Doueliz, etc.

R.I. f. 38.

cxxxi. Grant by Nicholas de Barewe (*clerk) to the canons of Wells ('in consideration of their honest conversation and of the laudable structure of their rising church,' for the increase of their common fund) of his church of Lovinton (*Luvinton) to hold during grantor's life at a yearly rent of one *aureus* or 2*s*.

at Michaelmas. Sworn in chapter at Kari. Witnesses: A. succentor of Wells,* W. vice-archdeacon of Wells, Iterius, Thomas de Cicestria, Michael de Aldizeford, A. the chaplain, etc.

R.I. f. 38: repeated (No. ccxli.) f. 61, where the word *clericus*, and the names from * are found.

cxxxii. Confirmation by Reinald bishop of Bath of the grant made by Robert de Lovintona (*touching the advowson of the church of Luvintona) with one hide of land etc., that the church of Wells may hold the same in frank almoin. Witnesses: Master Alexander dean of Wells,* Master Roger de Boueliz (*sic*), Ralph dean of Gerlingeton, Roger de Bradeford clerk, Henry de Tracy, William de Martoc, Hamelin the steward, Richard de Ken, Stephen de Waleton, Richard the chamberlain, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 38: repeated (No. ccxlii.) f. 61, where the omission * is supplied, and the witnesses' names are found.

cxxxiii. Gift by Alan de Furnell' (Fornellis) by assent of Geoffrey his heir, to the church of St. Andrew Wells in almoin of (*the church) of Cudiwrth (Cudeswrtha) with the chapel of Cnoll, towards the common fund of the church of Wells. Witnesses: Helyas son of Robert, William Malherba,* William de Staunton, William son of Ralph, William son of Richard, Thomas de Mala muliere, Humphrey de Sturis (*sic*), William son of Sturmus, Robert Bellus, William de Crues, Robert Briwer, Roger de Reinni, Simon Peverell, Henry de Ermenteriis.

R.I. f. 38*d*.: III.f. 385*d*, where the word *ecclesiam* is supplied, and the names from * are found.

cxxxiiii. Ratification by Alice de Vallibus of a gift made by Robert de Wallibus (Vallibus) her son to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the advowson of the church of Aishulle. Witnesses: Richard abbot of Muchelen[ey],* John prior of Tanton, Richard prior of Briwton, William precentor of Wells, Alard chancellor of Wells, Master John de Ikeford, Gilbert de Tanton canons of Wells.

R.I. f. 38*d*.. III. f. 404, where the names from * are found.

cxxxv. Gift by Alan de Furnell', by assent of Geoffrey his heir, to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Cudeworth with the chapel of Cnolla in almoin quit of all service, to be a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells. Witnesses: Master Walter prior of Bokeland, William parson of Cerd', Jocelin the chaplain,* Master Ralph de Lichelad, John de Cumba, Randolph son of Richard son of the chancellor, Osmund the clerk, Geoffrey the clerk, Roger the physician, Hugh the clerk, Helias son of Robert, William Malherba, William de Stanton, William son of Ralph, William son of Richard, Thomas de Mala Muliere, Humphrey de Sturis (*sic*), William son of Sturmus, Robert Bellus, William de Crues, Robert Buere (*sic*), Roger de Renni, Henry de Armenteriis,

Simon Peverell, Walter de Dunstavill clerk, Oliver de Dinant, Geoffrey Ruffus Cusin, Alard the chamberlain, Peter de Chabbeham, Robert de Regat'.

R.I. f. 38*d*: III. f. 401*d*., where the names from * are found.

cxxxvi. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by Simon Breton (Britto) to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of St. Decuman in frank almoin. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells,* Thomas archdeacon of Wells, archdeacon Robert, Godfrey archdeacon of Bath, William de Cerde and Jocelin chaplains, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Roger de Doueliz, Stephen de Tornaco, Thomas de Tornaco, Master Nicholas de Luueriis, Hamelin de Columbariis the steward, Richard de Ken, Stephen de Waleton, Richard the chamberlain, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 38*d*.: III. f. 372, where the names from * are found.

cxxxvii. Gift by Gilbert (*Girbert) de Perci to St. Andrew Wells, at the request of Reginald bishop of Bath, so far as belongs to the lord of the fee, of the church of Childecumton (*Comton) for a perpetual prebend of Wells: granted upon the altar of St, Andrew, quit of all service. Witnesses: Henry archdeacon of Exeter,* Richard archdeacon of Bath, Joc' the chaplain, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Peter de Winter, William de Meleborn, Ancatill de Chiuton, John de Hiant[on] dean, William de Spakeston, Roger the chaplain of Wandestr[eu], Elias the chaplain of Ceddre, Robert Briton, Geoffrey son of Roger, Philip de Walint[on] Godfrey de Dinra, Thomas de Walint[on], Waleran de Well', Walclin de Marisco, Simon son of Richard.

R.I. f. 38*d*.: III. f. 388*d*., where the names from * are found.

Grant by Benedict abbot of Alingen[ey] and the convent to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the advowson of the church of Ilton. Witnesses: Richard abbot of Muchelen[ey], Master Helyas de Derham, Master John de Ikeford, Master William de Well', Helyas the chaplain, William de Hamm, etc.

R.I. f. 38*d*. (interpolated at foot of page).

Gift by Benedict abbot of Athel[ney] (R. III. in margin, Aling') and the convent to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the advowson or patronage of the church of Hiltona (Iltona). Witnesses: Richard abbot of Mich[elney], Master John de Hicford, Master Richard de Fenna, William de Mertok, Helias de Derham, John de Iltona chaplain, Roger de Peretona, Alexander de †Lenga chaplain, Thomas de Brenta clerk, Nigel de Dilintona, William de Limeuma (*sic*), Thomas de †Stapeltona.

R.I. f. 38*d*. on a schedule (defective at beginning): III. f. 400*d*., where the names † † are omitted, so as to read 'Alexander de Stapeltona.'

Accord between Robert abbot of Align[ey] (Alingn') and the convent on the one part, and John chancellor of Wells canon of the prebend of Ilton on the other part, touching a house

situated in their court (*curia*) at Herdecote with the site thereof belonging to the said prebend, namely to store his tithes of Herdecote therein: the dean and chancellor and the chapter of Wells remise all right in the house and ground aforesaid, and the abbot and convent grant in almoin to the prebend of the church of Ilton, to the said chancellor and his successors canons thereof, one piece of their land in Herdecote which William Pek formerly held of them for half an acre of land, surrounded by certain bounds, namely that piece which lies on the north side of the town of Herdecote, in length from north to south and in breadth from the road leading from Herdecote to Ileford bridge to the land of Ralph son of Agnes de Herdecote, in order to build thereon a grange and houses necessary to store his tithes of Herdecote therein, so that the said chancellor and his successors may enclose the same all round, but may not erect any cottage (*cotariam*) or dwelling (*mansionem*) except the grange and houses necessary as aforesaid, save by licence of the said abbot and convent. Done in the chapter of Wells, kal. June 1260.

R.I. f. 38*d*. (on a schedule): III. f. 397*d*.

cxxxviii. Confirmation by Reginald bishop of Bath of a gift made by Gilbert (*Girbert) de Perci to the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the church of Childecumton (*Cumptona) to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Jocelin the chaplain, Anketill de Chiutona, John de Hiantona dean, William de Spakeston, Roger the chaplain of Wandestr[eu], Elias the chaplain of Ceddre, Geoffrey son of Roger, Philip de Waliton, Walkelin de Marisco, Simon son of Richard.

R.I. f. 39: III. f. 397*d*., where the names from * are found.

cxxxix. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by Alan de Fernell[is] to the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the church of Kudewrd (*Cudewrda) to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: *Alexander dean of Wells, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichelad, William de Cerda and Jocelin chaplains, Thomas de Tornaco, Roger de Doueliz, Stephen de Tornaco, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Richard the chamberlain, Richard de Ken, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 39: III. f. 397, where the witnesses' names are found.

cxl. Gift by Robert de Wall' (*Vallibus) to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the advowson of the church of Eshull (*Ashyll), with warranty. Witnesses: J. bishop of Norwich, *Walter de Gray the king's chancellor, Simon de Pateshyll, T. de Sanford, James de Poterna, Henry de Ponte Audom', Gilbert Hanlard (*sic*).

R.I. f. 39: III. f. 399, where the names from * are found.

cxli. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by James de Monte Sorell[o] to the

church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Withlakinton to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: *Master A. dean of Wells, T. archdeacon of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichel[ad], Jocelin the chaplain, Stephen and H. de Torn[aco], Hugh de Well', Roger de Godest[owe], Master Roger de Deueliz (*sic*), Henry de Traci, Roger de Bradeford.

R.I. f. 39: III. f. 371*d*., where the names from * are found.

cxlii. Gift by James de Monte Sorello to St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath of the church of Withlachinton for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells. Witnesses: *Roger abbot of Adeliggen[ey], Benedict his subprior, Master Walter prior of Berliz, William de Cerd and Jocelin chaplains, Master Robert de Geldeford, Master Roger de Doueliz, Roger de Godestowe clerk, Henry de Traci, Helias son of Richard, Richard the chamberlain, Ivo de Bath[onia], Clement his nephew.

R.I. f. 39*d*.: III. f. 372, where the witnesses' names * are found.

cxliii. Gift by Robert Fitzurse, by assent of his heirs, to the church of St. Decuman in almoin of 20 acres of land and 2½ acres of meadow, namely 2 acres by the cross towards Westchet, 3½ acres in Unundone (*Urnindone), 5½ acres in Willeburg, 4 acres in Langelod, 3 acres at the head of la Cnoll, 2 acres in Iuigrave, 2½ acres of meadow in Smedemed; also one acre of land called the acre at the head of la Pole to make a dwelling for the chaplain of Wilenton (*Wileton) chapel, with undertaking to make an exchange in default of warranty; also his right of advowson in the chapel of Wileton, with an oath that though the grantor has a grant of divine service in the said chapel, he and his men shall maintain the customs and oblations due to the said mother church. Witnesses: William Gun^r^ (*Gum^r^ dean), *Ralph de Ellewrd, Robert and Richard chaplains, Ralph son of William, Robert son of Richard, Alexander de Laverkestok, John de Wllaviton, Robert the serjeant, Walter the clerk, Richard Fitzurse, John Brito.

R.I. f. 39*d*.: III. f. 400, where the names from * are found.

cxliiii. Gift by Simon Brito, son of Simon Brito, to St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors, of the church of St. Decuman for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells, quit of service. Witnesses: *Master A. dean of Wells, Master Robert de Geldeford archdeacon, Jocelin the chaplain, Master Roger de Doueliz, William de Cerda chaplain, Hugh de Well' clerk, Roger de Godestowe, Henry de Traci, Hamelin de Columbariis, Richard son of Bernard, Stephen de Waletun knights, Hugh master of the hospital of Bokelonde, William and Jordan chaplains brethren of the said hospital, William Brito brother of the said Simon, Adam de Rammesberia, Helyas son of Richard, Daniel and Floridus brethren, Ralph son of Robert, Serlo.

R.I. f. 39*d*.. III. f. 368*d*., where the witnesses' names * are found.

cxlv. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by Cecily de Timbrescum', Cristina, Alice and Sarra her sisters, by assent of their husbands R. son of Durand, J. de Culumstok, and Nicholas son of William, to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Timbrescum' to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: *T. archdeacon of Wells, Herm[an] de Wyflescumb, Stephen de Torn[aco], Master Roger, Nicholas Bagger, Walter chaplain of Torna, Richard de Herlem' vice-archdeacon, Absolon chaplain of Timbrescumb, Walter de Chedingef[ord], Matthew de Netelcumb, B. de Orcherd, Ph[ilip] de Walinton, A. son of Durand, John de Briwes, Henry de Tracy, Hugh de Lambrok.

R.I. f. 40: III. f. 399, where the witnesses' names * are found.

cxlvi. Gift by Cecily de Timbrescum', Cristina, Alice and Sarra her sisters, by assent of their husbands Roger son of Durannus, John de Columpstoch, and Nicholas son of William, to St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath of the church of Timbrescum' for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells. Witnesses: *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Master Walter prior of Berliz, Herman de Wivlescumbe, Stephen de Turia (*sic*), Master Roger, Nicholas Bagger, Walter chaplain of Turn', Richard de Herlem' vice-archdeacon, Absalon chaplain of Timbrescom', Walter de Chidefford, Matthew de Netelcumbe, Baldwin de Orcheard, Philip de Walint[on], Adam son of Durannus, Robert son of Alice, Richard son of Cristiana, John de Briwes, Roger de Orcheard, Hugh de Lambroc, Henry de Traci, Humphrey Ruffus.

R.I. f. 40: III. f. 382*d*., where the witnesses' names * are found.

cxlvii. Abjuration upon the gospels by Richard de Cnolla, in presence of Reginald bishop of Bath and Richard dean of Wells, of all right in the advowson of the church of Cnoll, granting the same to be a member of the church of Kudeworth (Cudeworth) which is a prebend of Wells. Witnesses: *Master Ralph archdeacon of Bath, Master Robert Gardeford (*sic*), Master Alexander, Jocelin the chaplain, William the chaplain, Walter chaplain of Chiu, Henry chaplain of Wells, Thomas de Dinant, Roger de Simundesberg, Humphrey Ruffus, Helias, Walter parson of Chaffecumbe, William de Duueliz, Geoffrey de Hacepen', Jordan de Chaggeford, Eustace de Doueliz, and Hugh his brother.

R.I. f. 40: III. f. 387, where the witnesses' names * are found.

cxlviii. Confirmation by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of a grant made by R. his predecessor to the church and canons of Wells touching the tithes of all mills pertaining to the manor of Wells.

R.I. f. 40*d*.

cxlix. Grant by Reginald bishop of Bath to St. Andrew Wells, towards the common fund of the canons, of all the tithe of all his mills belonging to the manor of Wells. Witnesses (not named).

R.I. f. 40*d*.

cl. Confirmation by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of a gift made by Lambert and Siricheua (?) his wife to St. Andrew in Wells church of a house and land in Wells in almoin, releasing a rent and customs due therefrom to the bishop. Witnesses (not named).

R.I. f. 40*d*.

cli. Gift by Roger abbot of Aling[ney] and the convent to Jocelin their bishop of all tithes they had in Penitonya (Putteneya) and Wern' in the parish of Hiwis; ratifying the said bishop's gift of the same as an endowment to the church of Hiwis at the dedication thereof. Dated Aling', in chapter, St. Maurice' day 26 bishop Jocelin. (Pitney juxta Langport: marginal note.)

R.I. f. 40*d*.: III. f. 365*d*.

clii. Acknowledgment by Sibyl de Ewias lady of Burneham, that Helias the chaplain and the canons of Wells of the prebend of Hywis his predecessors and successors have a right of way to carry wheat and hay through the land of her men of Burneham, and common of pasture with them, for 5*d*. yearly rent at Michaelmas. Witnesses: *William de Ewias, Thomas de Kenet, Osbert son of William, Thomas Walensis, Walter Walensis, William, Reginald de Hautevilla.

R.I. f. 40*d*.. III. f. 401*d*., where the witnesses' names * are found.

cliiii. Decree of S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, with the assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, reciting an ordinance of bishop Reginald his predecessor whereby the churches of Subrente and Hiwis were united to the archdeaconry of Wells, and constituting the said churches one prebend of the church of Wells attached to the said archdeaconry. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter.

R.I. f. 41 (repeated below, No. clvii.): II. f. 43: III. 387*d*. Numbered originally cliii., but altered to cliiii.

clv. Statute of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, with the assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, constituting the churches of Subrent (Southbrente) and Hiwis one prebend of the church of Wells attached to the archdeaconry of Wells. Witnesses: *Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter.

R.I. f. 41: III. f. 387*d*., where the witnesses * are named.

clvi. Gift by Henry abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to the church of St. Andrew Wells and to Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors of the church of Sutbrent with its liberties etc. in almoin, so that the archdeacon of Wells may have that church for a prebend of Wells, and do fealty to the grantor and his successors and to the convent of Glastonbury. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Durham, *Hugh bishop of Chester, Master Alexander dean of Wells, Roger archdeacon of Winchester, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Robert de Geldef[ord] archdeacon of

Bath, William de Cerd', John the chaplain, Master Roger de Douelie (Doueliz), Hugh de Well', Roger de Godest[owe], (William de Winter), William de Mertoc clerks, Francis de Bohun, Hugh Bard', William Briwerr, Ralph son of Bern[ard], (Ralph sine Avero,) Gerard de Brocton.

R.I. f. 41: III. f. 358, 366, where the names from * are found, those in ( ) at the last reference only. Adam de Domerham i. 234.

clvii., clviii. See Nos. cliiii., lxxvi.; above, pp. 47, 26.

clix. Grant by Martin de Kascumbe (Karscumbe, in rubric) to the church of St. Andrew Wells of three marks towards the construction of the new work, and two marks towards the repair of St. Mary's chapel, of the rent of Maperton which his lord H. de Novo Merchato assigned in payment of his debt, to be paid at the rate of 4*s.* a quarter till the sum be complete, commencing on Michaelmas next in the second year after the king's coronation at Winchester. Witnesses: Baldwin the chaplain etc.

R.I. f. 41*d*.

clx. Gift (*made upon the high altar of Wells) by Richard abbot of Muchelney and the convent to the church of Wells of their church of Ilministre in frank almoin, admitting the canons of Wells to their brotherhood, so that on the death of any canon a trental of masses shall be performed in their convent, on the death of a dean or precentor of Wells as for a prior of Muchelney, and on the death of a bishop as for an abbot. *Done at Wellys in the presence of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, Master Alexander the dean, Master William de Sancta Fide precentor of Wells, in full chapter, the morrow of St. Andrew 1201.

R.I. f. 41*d*. (defective): III. f. 384*d*. where the omissions * are supplied.

Note.—f. 42 wanting. A reference, in a late hand, to R.II. f. 35 for four charters of Clyva, Nos. clxi—clxiv.

clxv. Ordinance of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury that ten marks yearly of the church of Chyu (after the decease or cession of Master Hugh de Wilton now parson) and ten marks similarly of the church of Welinton (after the decease or cession of Stephen de Tornaco) be paid quarterly by the parsons thereof at Wells in chapter to the service of the glorious Virgin. Dated Dontereysare, St. Andrew's day 10 bishop Jocelin.

Note that there is a confirmation of this charter by the chapter of Wells, in the same words.

R.I. f. 43.

clxvi. Gift by William son of Arthur (*faius Artur'*) to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the advowson of the church of Weston. Witnesses: Thomas de Cirencestre sheriff of Somerset and Dorset, John de Peauton, Henry de Campo Flor[ido], William steward of the said bishop, Baldwin de Wayford, Thomas de Alta Villa, William de Bonevill.

R.I. f. 43: III. f. 356*d*. The Sheriff named held office 1228-32.

clxvii. Grant by Joscelin bishop of Bath to William de Merton dean of Wells of the houses and site which Peter de Cycestria late dean held in Wells, between that of Richard the chancellor and that of Henry de London canon of Wells, to be held by the said dean and his successors. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiii kal. Oct. 31 bishop Joscelin, by Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 43.

clxviii. Grant by Joscelin bishop of Wells, by consent of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, that the hospital of St. John of Wells may have their chantry, bells, and a graveyard to bury the brethren of the house signed [with the cross] and living thereunder who resort there, saving to the dean and chapter their jurisdiction in the hospital so far as pertains to parochial right. All whom the said bishop and his successors (having reserved the right of patronage and their episcopal right) shall set over that house shall give canonical obedience and do fealty to the dean and chapter, and all chaplains secular or persons signed [with the cross] likewise.

R.I. f. 43.

clxix. Grant by Joscelin bishop of Bath to the dean and canons of Wells, to the increase of their common fund, of the church of Cungresbr' with chapels etc., saving to the bishop and his successors the vicarage thereof, to collate a fit person whenever vacant, the same to consist of one third of all issues of the said church, namely all small tithes, legacies and obventions to the altar, and a certain portion of the tithes of wheat: the court of the parson to remain to the dean and chapter, and another to be assigned to the vicar as near the church as conveniently may be, reserving to the bishop and his successors the assessment of the vicarage: also a grant of ten acres of his wood of Congresbyri, in exchange for two bundles of wood which the parson was wont daily to take therein, provided that the vicar have one third thereof: the vicar of his portion to provide the archdeacon's procuration and pay the *cathedraticum*, other charges ordinary and extraordinary being apportioned, one third to the vicar, two thirds to the dean and chapter. Dated Wells, St. Philip and St. James' day 31 bishop Joscelin, by Master Walter de Maydenestan.

R.I. f. 43*d*.

clxx. Award of Joscelin bishop of Bath, in a dispute between W. dean of Wells and H. the subdean touching the jurisdiction of the city of Wells and the suburb; that whenever the dean be present the cognisance and debate of causes shall be his, in his absence when the subdean be present it shall be his, in the absence of both the power of appointing a judge shall remain with the dean; if one of the bishop's household be convened, the bishop or his official or a delegate of one of them shall take cognisance, the plaintiff following the court of the defendant;

any pecuniary penalty inflicted on any person of the city or suburb immediately subject to the bishop to go to the fabric of the church without deduction, other amercements to the person presiding at the time, deducting the stipend of the common apparitor: a common roll of proceedings to be kept, which each shall cause the other to have in his turn. Sealed by the bishop, dean, and subdean. Done at Wells, on the morrow of St. Philip and St. James 31 bishop Joscelin.

R.I. f. 43*d*.. II. f. 50*d*.

clxxi. Grant by Alexander de Muddesleg' to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Peter the dean thereof and his successors, of all the land, meadow, alder grove and moor lying within the circuit of the park of Muddesl', all the land he had on the east side of the road from Wedmore to Mudesleg', extending in a straight line from the west corner of a croft late of Godfrey eastward to land of the said dean and southward to the road towards the court of the said dean, and half an acre next the land of David eastward; in exchange for all the land which the said dean held in his demesne in a *cultura* called Stanilond, for the meadow, alder grove and moor near the park eastward between grantor's meadow and the said park stretching to the southern corner of the park, a small piece of land of about half an acre lying on the west side of the manse late of Malger, and for two acres of land late of Robert Malherbe lying together in a *cultura* next la Hethe, and half an acre in Houerelulleg' lying next grantor's land. Witnesses: Richard de Cuntevill, Walter the chamberlain, etc.

R.I. f. 44.

clxxii. Award of John abbot of Ford, Humphrey prior of Ford, and Baldwin prior of Axem' (nominated by the pope) in a dispute between Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part, and Ernisius canon of Wells on the other part, touching the land of Bideham which he possessed in the name of a prebend: Ernisius having resigned the same to Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, and the bishop having restored it to St. Andrew towards the repair of the fabric, the dean and chapter, by consent of the bishop, delivered the land to Ernisius, not in the name of a prebend, paying yearly 40*s*. to the said church all the days of his life at Michaelmas and Easter, and granted him in life and death fellowship in the church of Wells, to have a stall in the choir, a place in the chapter, and full commons as other canons, nor need he find a vicar nor perform residence there unless he choose.

R.I. f. 44: III. f. 389*d*. See original deed No. 26.

clxxiii. Confirmation by S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of a composition made between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part, and Ernisius his canon on the other part, as above

R.I. f. 44*d*.

clxxiiii. Charter of Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter touching the land of Bidesham, in the terms above stated. Witnesses: Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, Alexander the dean, etc.

R.I. f. 44*d*.

clxxv. Ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath, by assent of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, that in place of the church of Everecriz, hitherto of the treasurer of Wells, the treasurer shall have the churches of Mertok, saving to the abbot and monks of St. Michael *de Periculo Maris* the portion they have therein, and saving that the church of Mertok be subject to W. archdeacon of Wells and his successors as it was before; and the church of Evercriz shall revert to the gift of the bishop and his successors to dispose as he did the church of Mertok before it was a dignity, saving to the dean and chapter the jurisdiction therein until they have such jurisdiction in the church of Mertok, henceforth of the treasurer, by the bishop and his successors with the consent of the archdeacon for the time being, as they had in that of Evercriz when it was his; then the church of Evercriz to be subject to the bishop and his successors.

R.I. f. 44*d*.

clxxvi. Grant by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to St. Andrew and the canons of Wells of the church of Lidiard to the increase of their common fund, with all the liberty and immunity of an ancient prebend.

R.I. f. 44*d*.

clxxvii. Gift by Alexander de Rodolio and William des a fluble (Desafuble) to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors, of the church of Estun with liberties etc. in almoin for a prebend of Wells. Witnesses: William bishop of Ely, Godfrey bishop of Winchester, *Hugh bishop of Chester, William Maresc[allus], Geoffrey son of Peter, William Briwerr, Roger son of Reinfrid, Henry de Corlihull (*sic*), Robert de Tresgoz, Gilbert son of Reinfrid, Master William de Tunebrig, Fulk de Alno, Alexander his brother, Roger de Bohun, William de Perci, William Ostriciarius, Hugh de Well' clerk.

R.I. f. 45: III. f. 374, where the names from * are found.

clxxviii. Confirmation by Reginald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by William Desafuble (*Desfuble) to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Eston (*Eistone) to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, Thomas the archdeacon, *Thomas subdean of Wells, Master Ralph de Licchel[ade], Jocelin the chaplain, Stephen and Thomas de Tornaco, Hugh de Well', Roger de Godest[owe], Henry de Traci.

R.I. f. 45: III. f. 369, where the names from * are found.

clxxix. Letters patent of R. prior of Bath and the convent touching a dispute which arose between Peter dean of Wells and the said prior at a synod held by Joscelin bishop of Bath in the cathedral church of Bath in April in the 4th year of Pope Honorius III, which of them should have the first place on the right hand of the bishop, when it was agreed that the said prior should sit in the first place at that synod without prejudice to the right of the dean.

R.I. f. 45.

†clxx. Confirmation by J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of a grant made by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to the church of St. Andrew Wells and the common fund of the canons touching the church of Lideard, the canons to hold the same with liberties etc., to the increase of the common fund, and the bishop to institute a vicar at their presentation to have the cure of souls. Dated in the chapter of Wells, the morrow of Michaelmas 8 bishop J[oscelin].

R.I. f. 45*d*. At this point there is an error in the rubricated numbers, those from clxx to clxxix being repeated a second time.

†clxxi. Grant and appointment by Rainaud 'minister of the church of Bath' to St. Andrew and the church of Wells of 40*s*. yearly to be found by the canons of Briuton of the churches of Banewell and Westbr' (Westberia) towards a wax candle for ever to give light before the high altar. Witnesses: *Alexander dean of Wells, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, William de Cerdra (*sic*), Jocelin the chaplain, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Roger de Doueliz, Thomas de Tornaco, Stephen de Tornaco, Hugh de Well', Master Nicholas de Luuariis, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Richard de Ken, Stephen de Waleton, Richard the chamberlain, Richard the Marshal.

R.I. f. 45*d*.: III. f. 288, where the witnesses' names * are found.

†clxxii. Grant by Robert 'minister of the church of Bath,' by assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, to Hubert de Ivelcestre his clerk, of the prebend of Bidesham, assigned to the proper uses of the church of Wells, to the intent that, if a vacancy occur in his lifetime, the first prebend after that assigned to Robert Pictau[iensis] the archdeacon shall fall to him, and the prebend of Bidesham revert to the church of Wells, and he shall in the meanwhile pay 20*s*. yearly towards the needs of the church, but have no vicar therein.

R.I. f. 45*d*.

†clxxiii. Notification by Richard bishop of Winchester to the king's justices that he made an accord with Walerand de Welesleg', his wife, and her sister, who claimed by the king's writ the land of Bidesham held by the church of Wells, giving a sum of money to one, and to Walerand and his wife twenty solidates of land, which their heirs yet hold; and that they by this agreement quitclaimed all right therein.

R.I. f. 45*d*.

†clxxiiii. Confirmation by Rainald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a grant made by Geoffrey Talebot to the church of St. Andrew Wells of half a virgate of land in Northam, and all the meadow he had there, to be held by the church and canons in almoin quit of all but the king's service. Witnesses (not named).

R.I. f. 45*d*.

†clxxv. Bond of Philip prior of Briwton and the convent, in order to extinguish strife, to pay 40*s*. yearly for ever to the church of Wells of the churches of Westbr' and Banewell, whereof Reginald bishop of Bath has appointed that a wax candle be found in the church of Wells to give light before the altar, 20*s*. at mid-lent and 20*s*. at the Assumption.

R.I. f. 46: III. f. 281*d*.

†clxxvi. Grant by Ivo dean of Wells and the chapter to Ralph Martre and his heirs of half a hide and half a virgate of land at Dultinchote which he had by gift of Robert bishop of Bath, provided he and his heirs pay yearly in the name of a pension on the vigil of St. Andrew three wax candles, one of 3*lb*. and two of 2*lb*. each. Witnesses: Reg[inald] (*Higinus) the precentor, *Robert and Thomas archdeacons, Robert the sub-dean, William the treasurer, John the provost, Walter Calvus, William son of William, Richard de Monte Ac[uto], Geoffrey de Wiflesc[umbe] and all the convent, Peter prior of Bath, William prior of Briwton, Hamelin son of Geoffrey, Robert son of Vivian, William Hos', Matthew de Horningd', William Flamming, Peter de Chiu, William de Ateberga, Godfrey de Cnolla.

R.I. f. 46: III. f. 292, where the names from * are found.

†clxxvii. Grant by Robert 'minister of the church of Bath' to the church of Wells of half a hide and half a virgate of land at Dultinchot, which Ralph Martre possessed of his gift for long service, towards an increase of the lights, so that the said Ralph may hold the same of the said church, and pay yearly on the vigil of St. Andrew three wax candles, one of 3*lb*., the others of 2*lb*. each. Witnesses: Peter prior of Bath, etc.

R.I. f. 46.

†clxxviii. Ordinance of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, by provision of the said bishop, L. dean of Wells, and the chapter, that should a vacancy occur in the vicarage of Kingesbr', held by Ralph the chaplain, during the life of Thomas now chancellor of Wells, the dean and chapter shall present; but after the decease or cession of the said chancellor, his successors shall have the presentation. Done in the chapter of Wells, the morrow of Michealmas 8 bishop J[oceline].

R.I. f. 46*d*.: III. f. 157*d*.

†clxxix. Statute of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury that a solemn mass be celebrated daily in the church of Wells

in veneration of the mother of God, and another for his predecessors, the brethren, benefactors, and all the faithful departed in the said church, assigning 10*l.* for ever in support thereof, namely 100*s.* of the profits of the archdeaconry which Maurice de Berkeley receives, and 100*s.* of the church of Cerda to be paid by the parson for the time being: future chaplains to be appointed by the chapter, to receive the stipends assigned to them, and such commons of bread as a canon would receive.

R.I. f. 46*d.*: III. f. 136*d.* Church, *Early History*, App. M, p. 385.

clxxx. Statute of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, by assent of L. dean of Wells and the chapter, constituting 20*s.* to be paid yearly by the parson of the church of Dokemeresfeld a prebend of Wells (which annual payment Robert prior of Bath and the convent quitclaimed to the said bishop, granting him also the advowson of the same church), and instituting Luke the clerk canon thereof in the church [of Wells.] Done in the chapter of Wells, Easter 9 bishop J[oscelin].

R.I. f. 46*d.*

clxxxi. *Inspeximus* by Richard archbishop of Canterbury and primate of a charter of King Henry II, reciting a plea in his court between R. bishop of Bath and Henry de Tilli concerning the manor of Dogemerefeld which the bishop claimed to have in his demesne, and the fee of Dinra which the bishop said Godfrey de Dinra ought to hold of him in chief, and which Henry de Tilli claimed to hold of the bishop; also a fine between them, namely that the said Henry rendered into the king's hand the manor of Dokemeresfeld quit of all challenge by him and his heirs, and the king granted the same to the church of Bath (as King Henry his grandfather did by his charter inspected) and rendered it to the hand of Reginald bishop thereof to hold in frank almoin, and likewise the fee of Dinra to hold in chief by the service of one knight, which fine was made by 100 marks paid by the bishop to Henry de Tilli; and confirming to the bishop and his successors the manor of Dokemeresfeld with houses in Winchester and all rights granted by the charter of King Henry his grandfather, and the fee of Dinra, so that G. de Dynra and his heirs hold that fee of the bishop in chief by the service of one knight. Witnesses: Roger archbishop of York, etc.

R.I. f. 46*d.*

clxxxii. Admission and institution by H. (Henry, in margin) bishop of Exeter, upon the presentation of S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, of Master John de Tinemuth to the church of Aulescumb, conferred upon the church of Wells in the name of a prebend, as appears by instruments of the lord of the estate and J. the said bishop's predecessor, saving the rights of the church of Exeter. Dated Ferendon, viii kal. March 6 bishop H[enry]. Witnesses: *Master H. de Wilton, William de Suindon and Henry de Eling canons of Exeter, Master T. de

Sutton, John de Serlon (*sic*) chaplains, Gilbert, John and Benedict the bishop's clerks.

R.I. f. 47: **III.** f. 391*d.*, where the witnesses' names * are found. Compare No. clxxxv.

clxxxiii. Gift by Joscelin Tresminet' (*de Tresuirret') to St. Andrew Wells and Rainald bishop of Bath of the church of Aulescumb for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells. Witnesses: *Master Walter prior of Berliz, Richard Const' archdeacon, Roger his brother, Jocelin the chaplain, Gilbert de Bercevilla (Beccevilla), William de Cicestria, Helias de Wattel' priests, Hugh de Monteacuto, Henry de Tracy.

R.I. f. 47 · **III.** ff. 338, 403*d.*, where the names from * are found.

clxxxiiii. Confirmation by John bishop of Exeter of a gift made in his presence by Joeslen de Tresminet' (*Tresminettes, Tresminetres) to St. Andrew Wells and Rainald bishop of Bath of the church of Aulescumb for a perpetual prebend of Wells. Witnesses: *Thomas precentor of Exeter, Richard, Bernard, Walter chaplains, Master Reginald, Master William, Master Miles, Hugh de Lillebon the bishop's clerks, Master Robert de Gildeford, Master John and Gilbert Basset, William de Rocha, Henry de Croland, Richard de Curceio his servants.

R.I. f. 47*d.*. **III.** ff. 338, 403, where the names from * are found.

clxxxv. Admission and institution by H. bishop of Exeter, upon the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells, and the official of S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury (who is beyond the sea), of Master John de Tynemug' to the church of Aulescumb conferred upon the church of Wells in the name of a prebend, as appears by instruments of the lord of the estate and J. the said bishop's predecessor. Dated Ferendon, viii kal. March 6 bishop H[enry]. *Witnesses: Master Hugh de Wilton, William de Suindon, and Henry de Eling canons of Exeter, Master T. de Sutton, John Jslone (*sic*) the bishop's chaplains, Benedict, Gilbert and John his clerks.

R.I. f. 47*d.*: **III.** f. 338, where the witnesses' names are found. Compare No. clxxxii.

clxxxvi. Gift by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, at the instance of Hugh Lumbard canon of Wells and parson of the church of Warministre, to Stephen the clerk of Haversham of the portion which Master William brother of the said Stephen had in the said church, saving a pension of four marks which the said S. shall pay yearly to the said H. (*Henrico), investing the said Stephen with the said vicarage. Witnesses: *William de Colecestre chaplain, John the chaplain, Thomas de Monte Acuto, Geoffrey Bucherell, John Chauuel, Wivian de Wlfrington, William de Morcote, Peter de Everdon, Sawale de Sancta Fide, Simon de Stokes. *Sealed and attested by Ph[ilip] papal notary.

R.I. f. 47*d.*: **III.** f. 338*d.*, where the portions from * are found.

clxxxvii. Confirmation by G. bishop of London of a grant made by Hamon son of Geoffrey and his heir after him to Reginald bishop of Bath and the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the advowson of the church of Scaldeford, which the said Hamon and Robert have granted for a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells, subject to the customs due to the said bishop and his successors and to their officials. Witnesses: *Ralph de Diceto archdeacon of Middlesex, Richard archdeacon of Colchester, Robert archdeacon of Essex, Ralph de Alta Ripa master of the school of London, Roger Wigorn', Richard de Saresbiria, Ralph de Chilton, Ralph the precentor, Walter the almoner, John Witeng'.

R.I. f. 47*d.* (continued on f. 49): III. f. 400*d.*, where the witnesses' names * are found.

A similar instrument, with insignificant verbal variations, R. III f. 371, has these witnesses: Richard archdeacon of Colchester, Ralph archdeacon of Middlesex, Henry the treasurer, Ralph de Alta Ripa master of the school, Master David, Master Hugh de Lund', Master Richard de Saresbiria, Ralph de Chilton.

Gift by Hamon son of Geoffrey, with assent of Agnes his wife and his heir, to St. Andrew and the church of Wells, of the church of Scaldeford for a perpetual prebend, saving the right of Richard parson of Scaldeford to hold it of the church of Wells for life, but after his death the bishop of Bath shall dispose thereof as of other prebends of Wells. Made in the hand of Reginald bishop of Bath by a gold ring. Witness: Richard archdeacon of Bath, in presence and with consent of Robert grantor's heir; also witnesses: Walter Giffard, Ralph son of Savaricus, Ivo de Garton, Martin de Well', Simon son of Pon(cius, Peter) de Wynton, (William) the clerk son of Bald(win), Reginald Ruffus, (Richard) de Dunepol (Dinepoll), Peter de Scaudef . . (Scaldeford, Adam) son of H(enry.)

R.I. f. 48: III. f. 402*d.*, where the names in brackets are supplied.

Ratification by Robert son of Hamon son of Geoffrey of a gift made by his father to Reginald bishop of Bath and the church of Wells of the church of Scaudeford (*Scauford) for a perpetual prebend. Witnesses: Jocelin bishop of Salisbury, Richard archdeacon of Bath, Robert the prior and Jordan the subprior of Briuton, William the sacrist of Sireburn, Peter de Wynton (*le Wynt'), William son of Bald[win], Gilbert de Exon', Walter the chaplain, Philip de Sancto Edwardo (*Sancto Lawardo), Bald' the clerk. Ralph son of Savaricus, Daniel and Peter his brethren, Geoffrey and William de Sancto Georgio (*de Bening').

R.I. f. 48: III. f. 369*d.*, where the names * are found.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Richard 'minister of the church of London' of the ratification by Gilbert his predecessor of a grant made by Hamon son of Geoffrey and his heir to Reginald bishop of Bath and the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the church of Scaldeford, that the same should be a prebend of Wells. Witnesses:

Gilbert archdeacon of Middlesex, Richard de Windr' and John Witens (*sic*) canons, Master Roger, Alan and Bereng[er] chaplains, Master Alexander, William de Ely, Ralph de Sancto Paulo, Richard the chaplain, William de Harfeld (Hacfeld), Hugh the clerk, Gervase and Robert chaplains, John de Waltham.

R.I. f. 48: III. f. 388.

Writing of Edward dean of Wells and the chapter attaching to the office of succentor, by the assent of the executors of Hugh late treasurer of Wells, all possessions and rents acquired by the said executors for the support of a morning mass in their church for the said treasurer's soul, the succentor to present a chaplain, who shall receive for the stipend of himself and his clerk and for the necessary light, after the death of Sibyl relict of John de Laverton, 6 marks, a proportion being meanwhile deducted for her dower. Dated Wells, Nativity of St. John Baptist 1277.

R.I. f. 48.

clxxxviii. *Inspeximus* by [Alexander] dean of Wells and the chapter of a charter or ordinance of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury assigning to the living of the monastery of Michelney and the brethren there, by reason of their poverty, the sheaves of their church of Sumertun, of the portion anciently belonging to them, with the services of the men upon their estate, saving to the vicars there, to be presented by the abbot and monks, the altarage, the arable lands, and all obventions and small tithes belonging to the church or to the chapels thereof, the vicars bearing the charge of the bishop's and archdeacon's dues, with the help of the abbot and monks. Witnesses: *Benedict abbot of Athelen[ey], Durand prior of Montacute, Gilbert prior of Briuton, John prior of Tanton, Raher parson of Alre.

R.I. f. 49: III. f. 154*d*.

clxxxix. *Inspeximus* of the same by Robert prior of Bath and the convent.

R.I. f. 49: III. f. 155.

Decree of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, with the assent of Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter, constituting the church of Sutton a perpetual prebend of the church of Wells, to be held by Benedict abbot of Adheligney and his successors as canons of Wells, with all liberties of the ancient prebends, a stall in the choir, and a place in the chapter next the subdean, without obligation to reside, but finding a vicar in the church of Wells to minister in the priest's office, with a yearly stipend of 4 marks.

R.I. f. 49: III. f. 369.

clxxxx. Charter of King W., addressed to Ailnod the abbot, Toui the sheriff and the barons of Sumersete, granting at the prayer of bishop Gyso the town called Wynesham to the church of Wells towards the support of the canons.

R.I. f. 49*d*.

clxxxxi. Confirmation by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury to A. dean of Wells and the chapter of the manor of Cumba assigned by his predecessors Robert and Reinald bishops of Bath to the office of precentor of the church of Wells, to be possessed by the precentor for the time being subject to payment of three prebends, that is to say 100*s*. Witnesses: Helias the chaplain, etc.

R.I. f. 49*d*.

clxxxxii. Consent of Thomas precentor of Wells and the chapter to an ordinance made by Joscelin bishop of Bath while beyond the sea, by assent of Ralph their dean and other brethren then with him, that after the decease or cession of William de Cerda there shall be paid of the manor of Cumba (whereof hitherto was paid 100*s*. to every prebend) ten prebends each of 10 marks, and one provostship, to be held of the bishop and his successors by one of those ten canons whom he shall elect; and such provost shall receive the said prebends of the manor, and pay yearly 10 marks apiece to the other canons at Wells by quarterly payments, retaining 10 marks for his own prebend, and the residue for his provostship; to his vicar of Wells he shall give yearly 3 marks of his prebend and provostship, the other canons two marks at least to their vicars; and with the manor the said provost shall have the church of Cumba to support these charges: but in order that the number of prebends of their church may be neither more nor less, on the death or cession of Richard the official, who receives yearly one prebend in the church of Wells of the bishop's chamber, namely of the money due from the archdeaconry of Wells, the bishop and his successors shall be quit of the payment of such prebend.

R.I. f. 49*d*.: II. f. 13*d*.

clxxxxiii. Letters patent of P. dean of Wells, addressed to W. the subdean and the chapter, assenting to the union of two provostships, that is to say of Cumba and Wynesham.

R.I. f. 50.

clxxxxiiii. Grant by Ralph son of William to the church of Wells, Rainald bishop of Bath and his successors, of the church of Warministre in almoin for a prebend of Wells. Witnesses (not named).

R.I. f. 50.

clxxxxv. *Inspeximus* by William bishop of Ely, papal legate and chancellor of the king, of charters of King Henry I and King Richard touching the grant made to Robert de Pirou and his heirs of his land in Warministre and the church of that town, and of a charter of Ralph son of William, to whom afterwards came the inheritance thereof, granting the said church to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Rainaud bishop of Bath and his successors in frank almoin for a prebend of Wells; and confirmation of a fine made in his presence, to settle a dispute between Rainaud bishop of Bath and his church of Wells (grantees of the said church of Warministre

from the said Ralph) and Hugh de Haveresham (then possessor thereof), whereby the said Hugh quitclaimed his right therein to the bishop and his successors and the church of Wells. Witnesses (not named). Dated Windsor, vii kal. May.

R.I. f. 50.

clxxxxvi. Grant by William Malet to the church of St. Denys of Warmenistre in frank almoin, for the plaint against him touching one hide and a half of land, of one virgate of land in Babigton and the villein holding it, upon an agreement between him and William son of Reginald patron of the church and his clerks, that grantor and the other defendants be quit of all impeachment, and this be an end of the dispute.

R.I. f. 50.

clxxxxvii. Accord between the church of Wells and Gerbert de Perci touching a certain land within the limits of the prebend of Wytechurch and of the land of Chilecumton, to wit that one moiety thereof is acknowledged to be of the prebend of Wytechurch, the other moiety to be the tenements of Chilecomton; and Gerbert and his heirs shall hold the moiety which belongs to the prebend at a yearly rent of 1*lb.* of pepper payable to the canon holding the said prebend at Wytechurche on Michaelmas day. Oath of fealty to the church of Wells and the canon by the said Gerbert in the chapter of Wells. Witnesses: Thomas archdeacon of Wells, *Robert the subdean, Geoffrey the succentor, William the treasurer, John de Cumba, William de Sancta Fide, Odo, William Giff[ard], Robert Hose, William son of Robert, William Suuenhamtun, Thomas de Walington, Philip Surmund.

R.I. f. 50*d.*: III. f. 401.

clxxxxviii. Mandate by T. archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate to R. bishop of Bath, whereas the latter has rendered to the church and canons of Wells the rights proved by their charters and muniments, Philip de Furnell' their adversary failing to appear, to restrain by ecclesiastical sentence those who have withheld the goods of the church; and to R. bishop of Exeter to do likewise.

R.I. f. 50*d.*

clxxxxix. Gift by Joscelin bishop of Bath to the church of Wells at the dedication thereof, on St. Romanus' day in November 1239, in honour of St. Andrew, as an endowment to the said church, and to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the manor and church of Wynescumb (when vacant) towards the increase of their common fund, to hold in frank almoin, saving a vicarage in the said church to be assessed by the bishop or his successors to the value of 5 marks a year, the dean and chapter to present, saving also to the bishop and his successors the services of tenants by knight service, reliefs, escheats, wards and suit at their hundred court of Banewell. Dated Wells, the morrow of St. Romanus 1239, 34 bishop Joscelin.

R.I. f. 50*d.*: III. ff. 53*d.* 99. Adam de Domerham, i. 252.

[cc.] Ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath, upon the resignation of Richard de Dynam, rector of Merk of the bishop's patronage, on Wednesday after St. Simon and St. Jude 1242 in the great church of Wells, to put an end to disputes of long standing between the deans of Wells and rectors of Merk, by assent of John Saracenus dean of Wells and the chapter, that the said church henceforth be attached to the prebend of Wedmore, which is the prebend joined to the deanery of Wells, so that the manor of Wedmore with the prebend and the church of Merk be a single benefice wherein shall consist the deanery of Wells, and that together with four prebends of 20*l.* which the deans do and ought to make of the dignity of the deanery in the church of Wells belonging to the gift of the bishop and his successors, henceforth every dean shall make a fifth prebend of 4*l.* of the said prebend of Wedmore and church of Merk, to be joined to a prebend of 20*s.* payable of the church of Dogmeresfelde by the rector thereof for the time being, the collation as of other prebends being retained by the bishop and his successors, and the prebend following the custom and form of other prebends notwithstanding it is attached to the deanery. Done in the chapter of Wells, the date above mentioned.

R.I. f. 51: II. f. 44: III. f. 449*d*. The numbers attached to this and the following instrument are an addition. The rubricated numbers cc and cci will be found below.

[cci.] Ordinance by Joscelin Bishop of Bath, by consent of John Sarracenus the dean and the chapter, whereas he has begun to rebuild and enlarge the church of St. Andrew Wells which was in danger of falling by reason of age, and has increased the provision for those ministering there by conferring upon the common fund lands, churches etc., that the bishop and his successors shall have daily when in residence 8*d.* for commons and 5*d.* for bread instead of 6*d.* and four white loaves: that the five parsons, namely the dean, precentor, archdeacon, chancellor and treasurer, instead of 6*d.* two white loaves and two black, shall have daily while in residence 8*d.* and 4*d.* for bread: all the other canons 4*d.* and 2*d.* for bread instead of 3*d.* one white loaf and one black: each vicar 1*d.* a day instead of the bread he used to have every other day from the grange, so that he be present at matins and other canonical hours or have lawful cause for absence provided he be in town: that all others instead of full daily commons of bread receive 1*d.* a day, and instead of half commons ½*d.*: that if at any time the revenues of the grange be insufficient, the distribution shall cease until the end of that year, or until other provision be made, but it is believed that there will be enough for the daily commons and a surplus for distribution at the end of the year, and such surplus shall be distributed among the parsons and canons resident, that is to say all canons who have resided whether continuously or not during half the year, and the dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer if they reside during two thirds of the year, saving other customs of the church of Wells, *tam persone quam simplici canonico.* Sealed by the bishop, the dean, and the chapter. Done in the chapter of Wells, xvi kal. November 1242.

R.I. f. 51: II. ff. 44*d*. 45: III. f. 8.

Presentation by J. de Godel' dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter bishop of Bath and Wells of John Tappyng to be instituted chaplain to the first chantry for the soul of Master Henry Husee late dean of Wells and his benefactors. Dated Wells, v id. November 1307.

Similar presentation of Thomas de Milverton chaplain to the second chantry for the soul of the said Master Henry in the church of St. Andrew Wells at the altar on the south side of the entrance to the choir. Same date.

R.I. f. 52.

Agreement indented, dated Wells, Friday the vigil of the Nativity of St. John Baptist 35 Edward I, between John de Godelee dean of the cathedral church of St. Andrew Wells and the chapter on the one part, and Richard de Plymstock, Roger Huse, Robert Fayremay, Roger de Mylton, and John de Bampton executors of Master Henry Huse late dean of the said church on the other, that the dean and chapter and their successors shall pay to John Tappyng and Thomas de Milverton chaplains and their successors yearly 10*l.* for ever at five terms in the year, namely 34*s.* 2*d.* at Midsummer, Michaelmas, Christmas and Easter (in all 6*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*) for their maintenance and to find bread, wine, light and vestments for their masses, and on the feast of St. Peter's chair 20*s.* towards an obit for the said Henry Huse in the choir, 40*s.* to distribute to the poor, 8*d.* to the sacrist for sounding the gongs, 2*s.* to the communar and 8*d.* to the escheator for making these distributions on the said day and the next; such chaplains daily to say the *placebo*, *dirige*, and *commendacio* in the said church before the ringing of second prime for the souls of the said Henry, his father, mother, brethren and sisters, Robert Burnel and William de Marchia bishops of Bath and Wells, Peter bishop of Exeter, and for the health of the said king, Margaret his consort, Edward his first born and his other sons, Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, John de Godelee the dean and the other canons, and for their souls after their decease, the souls of John de Button late provost of Wells, Reginald Huse, John de Brunmor, Thomas Oweyn and Alice his wife, also to sing masses daily at two new altars by the entrance of the choir for the same persons: they shall on admission give a corporal oath faithfully to perform this service, and shall be perpetual chaplains and not vicars, and on their death, cession or removal the dean and chapter shall present successors, or in the dean's absence the subdean and chapter, or in the absence of both dean and subdean the chief parson (*excellentior persona*) present in the city of Wells with the chapter, or in default of such presentation after one month the executors or their heirs or one of them who first offers himself for the purpose, in default of such executors after a second month the presentation shall devolve upon the heirs of Master Henry Huse, John de Brunmore, and Thomas Oweyn or one of them, or failing them after a third month upon the king: the dean and chapter bind themselves and their successors, their manors of Northcory and Wynescumb, for payment of the said 10*l.* as above, so that the said chaplains, the bishop or his bailiffs may distrain; and for this the said ex-

ecutors have paid to the dean and chapter 200*l.*, with which sum the dean and chapter have bought the manor of Knappe, to the use of the said church for ever.

R.I. f. 52: III. f. 277*d.*

Receipt dated Michaelmas 1311, for payment of 10*l.* by H. de Corston rector of Burnham to the dean and chapter, with allowances for the expenses of proctors sent to the council.

R.I. f. 53.

Grant by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Th[omas] Corbyn vicar of their church of Winescumb of William son of Roger de Barton neif of their manor of Wynescumb, with all the issue of his body and all his chattels, whom he has bought of them for manumission. Dated Wells, Thursday the vigil of the Purification 1262.

R.I. f. 53*d.*

Inspeximus dated Wells, xiv kal. July 1262, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, and assent to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to William Buscel, for his service, of one virgate of land which Richard Buscel his father held in the bishop's manor of Cumpton, to hold of the bishop and his successors for ever at a yearly rent of 10*s.*, saving that the said William and his heirs shall enclose in the bishop's park of Westbiry so much as pertains to one virgate, and shall perform suit of the hundred and the bishop's court as other free tenants of the manor: witnessed by Jordan la War', Adam le Hyreis, Reginald Longus, Richard Vassal, William Russel, Payn de Lodewell, William de Wolfareshull, Simon de Britton (*sic*), Nicholas Coppe, and dated Wyvelescumb, kal. June 1262.

R.I. f. 53*d.*

cc. Certificate by Robert prior of the church of Bath and the convent to Pope Innocent that they with the dean and chapter of Wells have, on the death of Savaricus their bishop, elected Master Joscelin clerk of their church and canon of Wells; and petition to confirm their election.

Note that this was subscribed by all the monks; but the names are not given.

cci. Similar certificate by Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter.

Note that this was subscribed by all the canons of Wells; but the names are not given.

ccii. Similar certificate by the prior and convent of Bath to ——— archbishop of Canterbury.

Subscribed by all the monks; (names not given.)

R.I. f. 54.

cciii. Certificate to the pope by W. bishop of London, E. bishop of Hereford, R. bishop of St. Asaph, H. bishop of Llandaff, R. bishop of Bangor, G. bishop of St. David's of the canonical election by the

prior and convent of Bath and the dean and chapter of Wells of Master Joscelin canon of Wells, upon the death of Savaricus bishop of Bath, also of the assent of King John, in the vacancy of the see of Canterbury; and petition to confirm the election.

R.I. f. 54*d*.

cciiii. Proxy by the convent of Bath to Robert their prior, John their subprior Master Kam' (*sic*), and brother Martin, monks of their church, to elect a bishop with the dean and canons of Wells.

R.I. f. 54*d*.

ccv. Certificate of assent by King John, addressed to J. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata* and papal legate, to the election of Master Joscelin canon of Wells to be bishop of Bath, sent with the bishop elect, and petition to confirm the election. Witness: P. bishop of Winchester. Dated Dokemaresfeld, 23 April.

R.I. f. 54*d*.

ccvi. Certificate to J. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata* and papal legate by W. bishop of London, E. bishop of Hereford, R. bishop of St. Asaph, H. bishop of Llandaff, R. bishop of Bangor and G. bishop of St. Davids, as above.

R.I. f. 54*d*.

ccvii. Petition of Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter to Pope Innocent to confirm the election by themselves and the monks of Bath of Master Joscelin canon of their church and deacon, a man who had grown up in the bosom of their church from infancy (*a primo lacte*), recounting the perils and afflictions of their church now during several years destitute of a ruler: carried by certain of their fellow canons.

R.I. f. 55.

ccviii. Certificate by R. bishop of Bangor to J. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata* and papal legate of the canonical election of Master Joscelin canon of Wells by the prior and convent of Bath and the dean and chapter of Wells, on the death of bishop Savaricus, the assent of King John, and the fitness of the bishop elect; and petition for his confirmation.

R.I. f. 55*d*.

ccix. Certificate of Robert prior of Bath, John subprior, brother Haimon and brother Martin monks there appointed by the convent to elect a bishop upon the death of bishop Savaricus, that they have elected Master Joscelin de Well' clerk of their church and canon of Wells, by assent of Alexander dean of Wells, William the precentor, Thomas the subdean and Master Ralph de Lechel[ade] canon of Wells appointed by the chapter to elect. Sealed by the prior.

Note: subscribed by the said monks of Bath.

R.I. f. 55*d*.

ccx. Proxy by the convent of Bath to Robert their prior, John subprior, Master Hamon and brother Martin monks of their church, as above.

R.I. f. 55*d*.

ccx (*sic*). Accord between the church of Bath and the church of Wells, and between the convent of Bath and the chapter of Wells, touching the election of a bishop of both churches, namely that at the time of an election the prior and monks of Bath and the dean and canons of Wells shall meet in a fit place, and when they have agreed upon a fit person the prior of Bath shall denounce, and on behalf of both churches postulate the person elected by common consent: if the prior, the monks, the dean or the canons infringe the prescribed form the proceedings are void: if the person chosen be the prior, the dean of Wells shall denounce and postulate: if the church of Bath be without a prior at the time of an election, the dean of Wells shall denounce and postulate: the dean and chapter of Wells shall not hinder the bishop's enthronement in the church of Bath before his enthronement in that of Wells, nor procure the contrary.

R.I. f. 56.

ccxi. Certificate to Pope I. by W. bishop of London, G. bishop of Rochester, H. bishop of Exeter, H. bishop of Salisbury, E. bishop of Ely, G. bishop of Coventry, M. bishop of Worcester, J. bishop of Norwich, W. bishop of Lincoln, S. bishop of Chichester, and P. bishop of Winchester of the canonical election of Master Joscelin canon of Wells, upon the death of Savaricus bishop of Bath, and the assent of King John; and petition, in the vacancy of the see of Canterbury, to confirm the election.

R.I. f. 56.

ccxii. Similar certificate to J. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata*.

R.I. f. 56.

ccxiii. Certificate by R. bishop of Bangor to Pope I. of the canonical election of Master Joscelin, the assent of King John, and the fitness of the bishop elect; and petition, in the vacancy of the see of Canterbury, for his confirmation.

R.I. f. 56*d*.

ccxiiii. Certificate by the convent of Bath to King John that they have appointed R. their prior, J. subprior, and Master H. and brother M. monks of their church, to elect a bishop with the dean and chapter of Wells.

R.I. f. 56*d*.

ccxv. Proxy by the chapter of Wells to Alexander the dean, William the precentor, Thomas the subdean, and Master Ralph de Lechelad' a canon to elect a bishop, with the prior and monks appointed by the convent of Bath for that purpose.

R.I. f. 56*d*.

ccxvi. Certificate by Alexander the dean, William the precentor Thomas the subdean, and Master Ralph de Lechelad' canon of Wells, appointed by the chapter to elect a bishop after the death of bishop Savaricus with those appointed by the convent of Bath for that purpose, of the election of Master Joscelin de Well' their canon, by assent of Robert the prior, John the subprior, brother Hamon and brother Martin, monks of Bath appointed by that convent.

R.I. f. 57.

ccxvii. Grant by Pope Gregory to the chapter of Wells of the right previously granted them by J. late bishop of Bath to elect one of their own number dean on a vacancy occurring, without prejudice owing to the recent election by them of J. called Saracenus, the pope's chaplain, whom they had previously received as canon and brother, and its confirmation by bishop J.

(Struck out: marginal note that it is contrary to the statute of provisors.)

R.I. f. 57.

ccxviii. Statute of Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury that upon the decease or cession of a dean of Wells the chapter shall speedily inform the bishop and his successors, and crave licence to elect a dean, and whether such election be granted, denied or postponed, nevertheless the brethren being assembled on a day appointed without delay shall elect such person as they shall see most necessary, and present him to the bishop for confirmation; and whereas the bishop knows that two persons in his days have been appointed to the office by the free election of the chapter, and has heard of the clerks of the said church that such was the proceeding of old time, confirmation of their privilege. Dated Bath, St. Basil's day 11 bishop Jocelin.

R.I. f. 57*d*.

ccxix. *Inspeximus* and confirmation by Otto cardinal deacon of St. Nicholas *in carcere Tulliano* and papal legate of a grant to the dean and chapter of Wells made by J. bishop of Bath touching the election of dean and other matters. Dated London, ii kal. February 11 Pope Gregory IX.

R.I. f. 57*d*.

ccxx. Grant by King H[enry I] to the church of Bath, bishop Godfrey and his successors that their manor of Calueston, which is of the abbess of St. Edward, be in the hundred of Bath and in the jurisdiction of the bishop of Bath whose hundred that is, as in the time of bishop John his predecessor; also grant of the land of Merk which is in Wedmore, challenged as being of the king's demesne. Witnesses: G. the chancellor, etc.

R.I. f. 58.

ccxxi. Grant by King H[enry II.] to Ivo dean of Wells of his warren of Wedmore, as his predecessors had it in the time of King H. his grandfather. Witness: the chancellor. Dated Pacey (*apud Pacem.*)

R.I. f. 58.

ccxxii. Writ of Queen M. to W. de Moiun sheriff and the men of Somersetesir' to give bishop Giso seisin of the church of Wedmore often claimed by him, which at her request Osbert bishop of Exeter has conceded to him.

R.I. f. 58.

ccxxiii. Ordinance of Jocelin bishop of Bath, for his special love towards the church of St. Andrew in Wells in whose bosom he was born etc., desiring to enlarge the parsonages (*personatus*) and dignities thereof, and having already brought the offices of precentor, chancellor, treasurer and succentor to more fitting estate, assigning the church of Wedmore (whereof the subdeanery had previously consisted) with its chapels and appurtenances for a prebend attached to the deanery, to have a priest vicar in the church of Wells receiving yearly 4 marks of the said prebend; and the church of Woky (previously attached to the deanery) to be the subdeanery of Wells, the subdean allowing his vicar ministering in the church of Wells 2 marks yearly at least. Dated Wells, iii non. June 4 bishop Jocelin, by his hand and that of dean Alexander and the chapter.

R.I. f. 58: II. f. 43*d*.

ccxxiiii. Decree of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury (Wells, R. II), by consent of the dean and chapter, that upon any vacancy in a prebend of the church of Wells (except the church of Wedmore assigned as a prebend to the deanery) the chapter shall have the wardship and fruits thereof: if the prebend of Wedmore be vacant not by death but by cession or otherwise, the fruits shall be expended upon the pious and necessary uses of the church of Wells by common provision of the bishop and chapter, till a dean be elected and confirmed, if the vacancy be by death, that prebend shall follow the rule of others: when there shall be a vacancy in the office of dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, subdean, succentor, or any provost or archdeacon, the bishop and his successors shall have the wardship and fruits, of the deanery until the dean be confirmed, of the other offices until collation: nevertheless in case of the decease or cession of the vicar during a vacancy in any dignity established in a parish church, the presentation shall be reserved to the future canon or parson, but if a vicarage in the church of Wells fall vacant during the vacancy of a prebend or dignity, the bishop shall collate if he choose. Dated in the chapter of Wells, by the hand of the bishop and of the dean and chapter, iii kal. October 8 bishop J[ocelin].

R.I. f. 58*d*.. II. f. 14.

ccxxv. Grant by Joscelin bishop of Bath, upon the petition of Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, that their men and all their tenements and fees shall be for ever quit towards him and his successors of murders and amercements which would belong to the king, the sheriffs, or their bailiffs, but for the liberties granted by King John and King Henry [III] to the bishop and his successors, and they shall have the distraint thereof; but if the dean, any of the canons, or the chapter or their successors fall into the mercy of the

king, the sheriffs or their bailiffs, they shall answer to the bishop and content him, and he shall have the distraint. Dated Wells, by the bishop's hand, the octave of Michaelmas 22 bishop Joscelin.

R.I. 58*d.*: III. f. 10.

ccxxvi. Quitclaim by Robert Malerbe son of Henry de Mudesleg' to Peter dean of Wells and his successors of half a virgate of land in the town of Wedmore, with abjuration in the full chapter of Wells and in the hundred of Bemestane. Witnesses: Richard de Cuntevill, etc.

R.I. f. 59.

ccxxvii. Decree of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, made after consultation with L. dean of Wells and the chapter, that whereas it has been usual for the bishops to take into their hands vacant churches of the archdeaconries of Wells, Bath, Glastonbury and Tanton, to retain two thirds of the fruits thereof, and for the third penny to answer to the archdeacons until the institution of a parson, such two thirds shall in future be applied to the increase of the common fund of Wells, the archdeacons holding the churches of their archdeaconries when vacant and answering for the said two thirds at Wells, they and their officials being first sworn to answer truly; and whereas W. de Bardenay archdeacon of Wells and W. de Wrotham archdeacon of Tanton and their officials are already sworn, they shall henceforth have such wardship, Thomas archdeacon of Glastonbury and Hugh archdeacon of Bath, not yet being sworn, shall be content with their third penny as before, and the bishop and his successors shall retain the wardships, answering by their official to the common fund for the two pennies belonging thereto, until the said archdeacons be sworn. Dated in the chapter of Wells, by the bishop's hand, v id. July 10 bishop J[oscelin].

R.I. f. 59: II. f. 14*d.*: III. f. 12*d.* See Rev. H. E. Reynolds, *Wells Cathedral*, p. 122.

ccxxviii, f. 59*d.*—see above No. lxxx, f. 25*d.*; p. 27.

ccxxix. Gift by Alice Roges to the church of St. Andrew Wells and Reginald bishop of Bath for ever of the church of Wynesford with liberties etc. in frank almoin. Witnesses: *Robert de Gildeford archdeacon of Bath, Herman de Wivelescumb clerk, Henry de Tracy, William de Wynton, Roger de Godest[owe] clerks.

R.I. f. 59*d.*: III. f. 357, where the witnesses' names * are found.

ccxxx. Writing of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury conferring upon the canons of Wells the church of Wivelescumb to increase their common fund.

R.I. f. 59*d.*: III. f. 371*d.*

ccxxxi. Writing of J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury conferring upon the church of St. Andrew Wells the church of Wivelescumb with the chapel of Fifhid' (Fifhida) for a prebend, the vicar of such pre-

bend ministering in the church of Wells to have of the prebend 3 marks yearly at Wells. Done at Wells in chapter, the morrow of Michaelmas 8 bishop J[oscelin].

R.I. f. 59*d.*: III. f. 371.

Grant by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury that if the abbot of Cirecestre will confer upon the church of Wells the church of Meleburne, or the abbot of Alingen[ey] the church of Sutton as prebends, they and their successors shall be canons of Wells of the same churches, and convert the fruits thereof to their own use, saving the maintenance of vicars to minister for them in the church of Wells, and of those necessary for the ministry of the said churches.

R.I. f. 59*d.*: III. f. 391.

ccxxxii. Grant by Richard son of William de Haselberg to God and St. Mary of 5*s.* of the land which Thomas [his] son held, to find a lamp before the altar of St. Mary in the chapel of Haselberg burning night and day, payable quarterly by the tenant, who shall be quit of all services to grantor and his heirs. Witnesses: Robert de Curtenay, etc.

R.I. f. 60.

ccxxxiii. Charter of William de Herpetre son of William son of John, rendering to St. Andrew and the church of Wells and to Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors the whole fee of Godfrey de Dinra and the service due from him, so that the said Godfrey and his heirs answer not to grantor and his heirs but to the bishop and his successors, abjuring upon the gospels, and resigning the same by a gold ring upon the altar of holy rood in the chapter of Wells, it being understood that the bishop and church of Wells had what is thus rendered; the said Godfrey in presence of grantor did homage to the bishop, and his heirs are bound to do likewise. Witnesses (not named).

R.I. f. 60.

ccxxxiiii. Confirmation by Rainald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by William de Herpetre to the church of St. Andrew of the church of Herpetre in almoin. Witnesses: Alexander dean of Wells, *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Robert archdeacon of Bath, Master Godfrey archdeacon, William de Cerdra, Joscelin the chaplain, Master Ralph de Lechelad', Roger de Duueliz, Thomas de Tornaco, Stephen de Tornaco, Hamelin de Columbariis steward, Richard the chamberlain, Serlo the butler, Richard the marshal.

R.I. f. 60: III. f. 333, where the names from * are found.

ccxxxv. Gift by William de Herpetre son of William son of John to Reginald bishop of Bath and the church of Wells of the church of Herpentre for a perpetual prebend. Witnesses: William *archdeacon of Salisbury, Henry archdeacon of Exeter, Richard archdeacon of Bath, Gilbert chaplain of Exeter, Walter chaplain of the bishop of Salisbury, Daniel de Ponte, Philip, Azo canons of Salisbury, William

the chaplain, Ernald son of Theobald, Peter de Winton, Godfrey de Hectredeberia, William son of Baldwin clerks, William de Herleia, Ralph son of Savaricus, William son of Ralph de Craucum, Daniel de Brueria, Geoffrey de Sancto Georgio knights.

R.I. f. 60*d.*: III. f. 391, where the names from * are found.

ccxxxvi. Gift by Oliver de Dinan (at the request of Reginald bishop of Bath) to St. Andrew patron of the church of Wells of the church of Bokelande for a perpetual prebend of Wells, quit of all service, with all liberties it had in the time of King Henry, resigning his right in the advowson thereof. Witnesses: Stephen prior of Tanton, *Thomas and Richard archdeacons of Bath, Richard and Adam canons of Tanton, Jocelin the chaplain, William de Cicestria, Ernald the clerk, Jordan the clerk, Peter de Winton, William de Sireburn, Ralph de Albiniaco, William de Hemant, Geoffrey de Sancto Georgio.

R.I. f. 60*d.*: III. f. 402, where the names from * are found.

ccxxxvii. Gift by Oliver de Dinan (at the request of Reginald bishop of Bath) to the church of Bokelande, which he has given for a perpetual prebend of Wells, of the tithe of hay of his manor of Bokelande. Witnesses: Henry archdeacon of Exeter, *Richard archdeacon of Bath, William and Jocelin chaplains, Ern[ald] son of Theobald, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Peter de Winton, Robert Brito, William son of Baldwin, Moruan de Pludria, William de Henant, Geoffrey de Sancto Georgio, William de Percy, William de Sancto Georgio.

R.I. 60*d.*: III. f. 371*d.*, where the names from * are found.

ccxxxviii. Confirmation by Rainald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by Oliver de Dinan to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Bokelande to hold in frank almoin. Witnesses: A. dean of Wells, *Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichelad, Jocelin the chaplain, Stephen and Thomas de Tornaco, Hugh de Well', Henry de Traci.

R.I. f. 60*d.*: III. f. 386, where the names from * are found.

ccxxxix. Charter of Reginald bishop of Bath rendering to William de Jatton and to his church of Jatton one virgate of the land of Jatton, late of Segar, upon the information of the said William and others that it ought to belong to the said church. Witnesses: Richard dean of Wells, *Thomas and Richard archdeacons, William and Jocelin chaplains, William de Cicestria, Ernald son of Theobald, Peter de Winter (*sic*).

R.I. f. 61: III. f. 389*d.*, where the names from * are found.

ccxl. Submission by William provost of Cumba to the dean and chapter of Wells, subjecting his goods, his office of provost, and his church of Jatton to their distraint, they having become his sureties to the abbot and convent of St. Augustine Bristol, who had to farm the church of Jatton, a prebend of the church of Wells, from John Odolin' canon of that prebend, for 10 years dating from Michaelmas

1236, and let the same to farm to the said provost for the said term at a yearly rent of 45 marks by half yearly payments, the first payment to be made at Michaelmas 1237. Sealed by the said provost and by these witnesses: R. chancellor of Wells, H. archdeacon of Tanton, W. subdean of Wells, R. succentor of Wells, Luke de Membury canon of Wells. Done in the octave of St. Martin 1236.

R.I. f. 61.

ccxli, ccxlii, ccxliii: see above cxxxi (f. 38), cxxxii (ibid.), cxviii (f. 35*d.*); pp. 41, 42, 38.

ccxliiii. Gift by Robert de Meysi clerk to the church of St. Andrew Wells and Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury in almoin of the advowson of the church of Bertun, and the advowson of one mediety of the church of Nuniz belonging to the grantor. Witnesses: William de Hamme precentor of Wells, Peter the treasurer, Master John de Ikeford, Master Robert de Berkelay, Roger the chaplain, Master Adam canons of Wells, *Nicholas de la Mare.

Memorandum that on Tuesday after Trinity on St. Prime and St. Felician's day came Helias de la Mare with a companion to the house of the dean of Wells about the sixth hour, and claimed the advowson of one mediety of the church of Nuny, and upon seeing and hearing the above charter renounced all right therein, in presence of J. dean of Wells, William de Button archdeacon of Wells, Master Giles archdeacon of Berkshire, Henry treasurer of Wells, Hugh subdean of Wells, Master Robert de Marisco and other canons, clerks and laymen who were that day dining with the dean.

R.I. f. 61*d.*: III. f. 401, where the name * is found, but not the above memorandum.

ccxlv. Gift and undertaking upon oath by John prior of Worspring of the order of St. Victor and the college or convent, for the benefactions of William de Button II bishop of Bath and Wells, and for 210 marks paid by his executors to provide a yearly payment of 10 marks towards the obit of the said bishop and the maintenance of a chaplain for his soul, (wherewith they have redeemed a yearly rental of 10*l.* due to Sir John de Engayne knight and his heirs for the manor of Worle,) to pay the said 10 marks to the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar for the purposes aforesaid, namely within a week after Michaelmas 30*s.*, on St. Andrew's day 5½ marks, and within the octave of Easter 30*s.* year by year for ever, binding all their goods for such payment, and submitting themselves to the ecclesiastical censure and distraint of the bishop and his official, the archdeacon of Wells or his official, without recourse to the law; also in their own house to perform *pridie non. Dec.* a solemn service in the choir with *placebo, dirige, commendacio* and mass, and to provide of their own goods a pittance of half a mark on that day in memory of the said bishop, to be divided between themselves and the poor, towards which the said executors have given 10 marks. This undertaking is made to the bishop etc., lest there be collusion

on the part of the dean and chapter. Sealed in duplicate with the seals of the college, the bishop, and his officiality. Dated in their chapter of Worspring, iv non. July 1277.

R.I. f. 62: III. f. 175*d.*

Ordinance of Thomas de Button archdeacon and Roger de Cruk provost in the church of Wells, executors of William called the second, bishop of Bath and Wells, in pursuance of his will and for the health of his soul, concerning 10 marks yearly to be assigned by the prior and convent of Worspring of the order of St. Augustine to the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar, by assent of the dean and chapter, namely 4 marks yearly to a priest celebrating in the chapel of the blessed Virgin within (*by) the cloister of Wells, and giving daily attendance to the service of the dead, 2 marks upon his anniversary to be divided among the canons and vicars present at the service of the dead in the choir, 3½ marks that day in bread for the poor, and half a mark yearly to maintain two wax candles in the chapel of the blessed Virgin behind the high altar, at the discretion of the chancellor, subdean and succentor, or failing them of the dean, precentor and treasurer. Sealed by the executors and the said chapter (*chaplain). Dated October 1279.

R.I. f. 62: III. f. 132, where *juxta* is read for *infra*, and *capellani* for *cap'li*.

Quitclaim by Edward dean of St. Andrew Wells and the chapter, for themselves and their successors, of William Gyan with all his issue and his chattels from all neifty and servile condition. Dated in the chapter of Wells, v kal. August 1264.

R.I. f. 62*d.*: repeated f. 101.

Accord between Edward dean of Wells and the chapter on the the one part and Robert Gyan son and heir of William Gyan on the other part, in a dispute touching the hosbote and heybote contained in his charter, namely the dean and chapter grant the said Robert six loads of brushwood yearly in Stathmore to be had by him and his heirs between the Exaltation of Holy Cross and Michaelmas by view of the bailiff of Northcory, and for this grant the said Robert quitclaims for himself and his heirs his hosbote and heybote. Witnesses: Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de Merre (*Mere), Walter le Frye, Richard le Frye (omitted*), Hugh de la Hele, Richard de Fonte.

R.I. f. 62*d.*: III. f. 30, where the variations marked * occur.

Gift by Edward dean of St. Andrew Wells and the chapter to William Gyan their free man of a messuage and three fardels of land in Northcory in the parish of Stokes formerly of Walter Gyan, to hold to William and his heirs of them and their successors at a yearly rent of 12*s.* 8*d.* for all service, saving suit of their hundred of Northcory with the other free men of the hundred, and the wardship and marriage of the heir, and if the heirs be of age they shall give 12*s.* 8*d.* for their relief: also it shall be lawful for the dean and chapter to enclose moors and pastures in the manor, saving to

William and his heirs sufficient common of pasture, hosbote and heybote by the view of their serjeant. Warranty clause. Dated in the chapter of Wells, kal. August 1264.

R.I. f. 62*d.*: III. f. 30*d.*

Gift by Elias master of the hospital of St. John Bristol and the brethren to the dean and chapter of Wells of a rent of 30*s.* for ever, payable quarterly in the great church of Wells to the communar, to be delivered to a vicar thereof who shall be assigned by the subdean to celebrate daily at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen for the soul of John de Axebrugg' subdean of Wells, etc., binding themselves and their successors and all their goods for such payment, and submitting them to the bishop of Bath and Wells or his official: and for this the said John de Axebrugg' has given 40 marks to buy a rent and lands at Bristol, which they have done. Witnesses: Roger de Bercham mayor of Bristol, John de Berwik, Reginald Golde provosts of Bristol, John Gilbert, William de Berewik, Geoffrey le Gape.

R.I. f. 63: III. f. 125.

ccxlvi. Charter of J. dean of Wells and the chapter, reciting that Roger bishop of Bath and Wells claimed the sequestration of all vacant churches in his bishopric, but abandoned his claim on production of instruments shewing that his predecessors, by consent of their archdeacons, granted the same to the dean and chapter, who had been in undisputed possession 60 years and more; and granting the bishop for life a portion therein, namely two thirds, saving to the archdeacons one third, without prejudice to their rights. Witnesses: Master G. de Acford the bishop's clerk, W. de Purl', W. de Glovernia chaplains, Gilbert and John his clerks. Dated Wells in chapter, ix kal. June 1246.

R.I. f. 64.

Memorandum that in 1247, on Sunday the Purification, Master H. Tesson the precentor, Master W. de Lincoln chancellor, H. de Lond' treasurer, H. de Rom' subdean, N. de Seleburne succentor, Matthew archdeacon of Buckingham, Master R. de Marisco, Master Gilbert de Byham, Master J. de Tanton, Master A. Gessich, W. provost of Cumba, J. de Rak', Philip de Sideham, W. de Cusinton, W. de Purl', J. de Hereford, J. de Teynton, R. de Haldewrth, El[ias] de Badest', H. de Langelegh, J. de Button, Alexander de Banfeld, J. de Sutton, Luke de Membiry, J. Odelin, R. de Marisco, J. de Derham and Richard de Dynam canons of Wells, being met in chapter to deal especially with the election to be celebrated at Bath on the Tuesday following, dealt also with 2½ acres of demesne land which Walter the chamberlain, while farmer of the prebend of Bidesham, aliened to Roger Beneseff' villein, whereon he erected his buildings, and when H. treasurer of Wells and after him H. the subdean became farmers, the said Roger had been troubled touching the land because withdrawn from the demesne wherefore at his instance they granted that he and his should hold the same thenceforth at a yearly rent of 12*d.* to St. Andrew and the farmer for the time being; neverthe-

less they should not be free men by means of this grant, but perform their rents and services as before, as the other tenants of the prebend.

R.I. f. 64.

Memorandum that on Monday the morrow of Trinity 1243, at a special chapter for the election, a sentence of excommunication was passed on all those of the chapter who should reveal the secrets of the chapter, all who should hinder their business, and all who should give counsel, aid or favour to their adversaries, namely the monks of Bath.

R.I. f. 64*d*.

Memorandum that on St. Peter and St. Paul's day 1243, in the church of Wells, sentence of excommunication was passed upon all who should infringe the liberties or dignities of the church of Wells, excepting the king, the queen, their children, Earl Richard and the king's principal council: also upon all who disturb their right in the church of Cungresbiry by word or deed, except as above.

R.I. f. 64*d*.

Memorandum that on Sunday before St. John Baptist, William de Bruges with two fellows vicars of Wells was sent by the chapter to Brene, to appeal for the chapter in the form following:—

(A space follows.)

R.I. f. 64*d*.

On Wednesday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr, the chapter of Wells by H. their subdean at Axebrugg' before the archdeacon of Wells in full chapter, being there met for the purpose, appealed that the archdeacon should inquire whether the church of Cungresbury was vacant or no. First therefore the subdean renewed the appeals lodged by W. de Bruges and his fellows before the archdeacon's official at Brene, and assigned other causes: appealing to the papal see that the archdeacon or his official should not admit Sir Peter Sarac[enus] nor any other to the church of Cungresbiry for that they had the best right; that neither Sir Peter Sarac[enus] nor any other be admitted or instituted to the said church, nor the custody committed to any, for that it is not vacant but in their possession; that the archdeacon, for that he is sworn of their chapter, should not admit Sir Peter Sarac[enus] nor any person thereto contrary to the rights and liberties of the church of Wells; that neither the archdeacon nor anyone in his name should presume to do aught to their prejudice touching the same without debating their right and possession thereof; protesting that they have other causes to shew.

R.I. f. 64*d*.

Memorandum that on Thursday after the Translation of [St. Thomas the Martyr] 1243 in the chapter, after treating of the burial of William de Chyu canon of Wells, a statute was made that thenceforth canons resident in the church of Wells should be buried

in the cloister in order according to their dignity, the greater before the less (unless in their lifetime they should elect to be buried elsewhere within the church or without,) beginning at the church door towards the south as near as might be, and extending straight to the corner of the cloister, and so again: no layman or vicar should be buried among them, but vicars in the churchyard towards the east behind the chapel of St. Mary, and elsewhere in the churchyard laymen in the churchyard towards the west, beginning by the small elms planted there by the place where the guest chamber (*hastillaria*) used to be, and extending towards the west, so that none should henceforth be buried before the church door westward: the great parsons of the church should be buried within the church if they or their friends would.

R.I. f. 64*d*.

Memorandum that on Sunday the morrow of St. James 1243 it was decreed in chapter that thenceforth no vicar should dwell alone, but two at least in one house, any contravening this statute after Michaelmas next should be suspended from entering the choir and his commons withdrawn until he should satisfy the chapter: those who were solitary and others, if convicted of incontinence, to incur the same penalty; and those who had concubines and children by them were forbidden to allow the mothers to come to them in a suspect place on pretence of visiting the children, or to be at feasts where the said women were present, or to converse with them save in public before witnesses not suspect.

R.I. f. 64*d*.

Proceedings in the chapter of Wells on Wednesday after St. James 1243, before the dean assisted by the chancellor, treasurer, the archdeacons of Wells and Tanton, subdean, succentor, etc.: it was decreed that John de Suttun should make no vicar in the church of Wells by reason of the prebend he held, so long as he should abide in town, and that thereby he should not unless he chose be bound to residence as laid down in the constitution so far as it affects a simple canon, and might make a vicar or not as he would: this decree not by procurement or request of the said John de Sutton.

The same day John de Cumpt[on] who was vicar of John de Sutton canon of Wells resigned his vicarage to the dean in chapter.

R.I. f. 65.

Memorandum that on the vigil of St. Peter *ad vincula* 1244, Geoffrey de Toteneis, being accused of adultery with the wife of William le Frikere before the chapter, purged himself of that charge, and had compurgators, but they were not required to swear.

R.I. f. 65.

Memorandum that on the day of St. Peter *ad vincula* 1244, John de Cerde, being accused of adultery with Avice wife of David the tanner, whose husband had gone to the Holy Land, appeared in chapter before W. archdeacon of Wells, H. the treasurer, H. the

subdean, N. the succentor, Luke de Membiry, Richard de Dinham, Joscelin the chaplain, John Odelin', and made a confession, and submitted to the loss of his vicarage should any scandal arise from this or from a subsequent fault. Copy of letters patent containing this submission, dated Thursday before St. Lawrence 1244.

R.I. f. 65.

Memorandum that on the day of St. Peter *ad vincula* 1244 Sir W. de Kaynesham was charged with raising an oratory in his house at Wells without the assent of the chapter, to the prejudice of their church, and confessed before W. archdeacon of Wells, N. the succentor, H. the subdean, J. de Button, etc., and was inhibited.

R.I. f. 65.

Memorandum that before the dean, Henry the treasurer, W. de Sancto Quint[ino] archdeacon of Tanton, N. the succentor, J. de Rak' and John de Sutton, on Wednesday after the Assumption 1248, and after on Friday following, before the dean, the treasurer, H. the subdean, the succentor, J. de Rak' and J. de Hereford, William de Hoyland was charged with incontinence with the daughter of Josce, in the week of Pentecost and on the night of St. John Baptist, having been seen carrying his shoes in his hands next morning, and after in the wood of Baggelegh in Wedmoreland, also with violence to the said Josce, and confessed; and because there was a public scandal, it was decreed by the dean and chapter that he should take his place with the boys on their bench (*stare cum pueris in for[ma] sua*) from the said Friday to the Nativity of St. Mary next, and make letters patent submitting to loss of his vicarage in case the offence be repeated.

R.I. f. 65.

Mandate by the dean and chapter of Wells to all chaplains subject to their jurisdiction, whereas some persons have disturbed the liberties of their church especially their prebend of Lutton, to pronounce a general sentence of excommunication, according to the form of a general council held at Oxford, upon all who infringe the liberties of the church, and to signify their names to the chapter. Dated Wells, the day of St. Michael in Monte Tumba 1247.

R.I. f. 65.

Memorandum that J. Sarracenus dean of Wells and the chapter granted R. de Berton the chapter's man to Sir Walter de Cusinton all the days of the said Walter.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that on Ascension Day after vespers came two messengers from the prior and convent of Christ Church Canterbury, and entering the chapter produced letters patent, the chapter first protesting that they received the same without prejudice, and appealing to the papal see against being compelled to carry

out any mandate of the said monks, and against any sentence passed upon them for disobedience: present in chapter, the chancellor, treasurer, W. archdeacon of Thanton, H. called subdean, Luke de Membiry, Walter de Cusinton, Richard de Dinam, Joscelin the chaplain, John Odelin' canons, William de Lechelade and Luke vicars.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that on Saturday after the Purification came to Salisbury H. called subdean of Wells and H. de Atrio Dei, and about the third hour appealed against the precentor's election, not by reason of the person elect, but of the election made to the prejudice of their church, renewing the appeal lodged at Bath the Friday before. Present of the chapter of Salisbury, R. the dean, H. the treasurer, E. [Giles] de Brideport archdeacon of Berkshire, Roger the succentor, Master H. de Bissopeston, R. de Ebor' and Thomas de Ebeburn, W. de Ven, before whom H. the subdean read copies of his instruments; and the precentor, being questioned as to what he would do touching his assent to the said election, answered that if he were canonically elected, as letters directed to him on behalf of the prior and convent of Bath testified, he would give his assent to his election, otherwise not: the said H. and H. thanked him for the answer, and renewed their appeal.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that on Wednesday in the week of Pentecost 1243 appeared Master Lawrence proctor of the abbot of Bec, and after argument with the chapter touching contributions for which the said abbot was bound, and for nonpayment of which he was suspended, at the said proctor's request the charter was read whereby the abbot was bound to support the charges of the church of Wells as the other canons, and a copy made for him of certain articles therein, and a day was set about St. John Baptist's day for his lord's will to be made known to the chapter thereupon, or for the money to be paid on the morrow thereof in London to the proctor of the chapter, and the suspension to stand, provided no further proceedings be taken before that day.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that on Saturday before St. Peter and St. Paul were read in the chapter of Wells letters patent of the prior of Hokeburne, general proctor of the abbot of Bec in England, which are in the treasury, asking for a truce in order to consult the abbot touching the demand for contributions levied in the church of Wells, and a day was set to content the demands of the chapter by the feast of St. Peter *ad vincula*, otherwise he would be excommunicated.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that should an assise of last presentation touching the church of Cungresbyri be summoned by the king for that King Richard presented thereto, the answer on behalf of the

chapter shall be that the king presented Peter Sarac[enus] by reason of the vacancy of the see, as the king's letters of presentation shew; but if judgment be given against the chapter on that point, it should be answered that King John and his son conferred upon bishop Joscelin and his successors the manor of Cungresbiry and the advowson of the church, as their charters shew, whereby the king is held to warranty; and the bishop conferred the said church upon the chapter of Wells for the increase of their common fund, as his charter shews, and is held to warranty; but when there is no bishop to warrant, the question should be raised whether they ought to answer to the assize until they have a bishop.

R.I. f. 65*d*.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude 1243, by assent of the king in whose hand was the see of Bath, and by letters patent of Sir R. Passelewe guardian thereof, the chapter of Wells (by canons Walter de Cosintone and John de Derham) had seisin of the church of Congrebiry as parson thereof, and were inducted by Geoffrey de Were dean of that place, by authority of W. de Button archdeacon of Wells; and after, on Tuesday after All Saints, they sent a second time W. archdeacon of Wells and H. the subdean, their proctor appointed to deliver the said church to farm to P. Sarac[enus], who did so in presence of the whole parish and of strangers, delivering to the said P. the ornaments and books of the church, and making lists thereof, one to remain with him, the other with the chapter: on the morrow the subdean went with the said P. to the chapel belonging to the church of Congrebiry, and there delivered the books and ornaments in accordance with the list.

R.I. f. 65*d*.: III. f. 304.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John dean of Wells and the chapter, at the request of Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, of a grant made by the said bishop to Thomas de Garsilade, Edith his wife and the heirs of their bodies, of all the land late of Richard de Garsilade in his manor of Wells, namely one fardel and a half of land at Garsilade with a small piece of moor called la Sterte to be enclosed, at a rent of 9*s*. a year payable quarterly, the reversion to the bishop and his successors, with warranty; witnessed by Henry treasurer of Wells, Joscelin the chaplain, John de Derham canons of Wells, William Buche, Hubert de Norfok, Stephen the chamberlain, John son of Annora, William de Leycestria citizens of Wells, William de La Wrth chamberlain.

R.I. f. 66.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells in the chapter, xvi kal. May 1246, of a grant made by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells to William de Aure and Mabel his wife of all the land formerly of Richard son of Robert Franceys in his manor of Ceddre, also a mill with a messuage and curtilage in the said manor formerly of Robert le Franceys, to hold to them and

the heirs of the body of William of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 12*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly for all service, saving to Dame Agatha de Corscumbe and her heirs one mark which she receives yearly of the said mill; witnessed by Robert Fitz Payn, Thomas de Altavilla, Robert Malherbe, Michael de Cheldrinton the bishop's steward, Geoffrey Fassal, Ralph de Bagepuz, Robert de la Sale, William de Clafford, William *de camera*, Ph[ilip] de Cnoll, and Gilbert de Sar' the bishop's clerk.

R.I. f. 66.

[*Inspeximus* and confirmation by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells in chapter, the morrow ot St. Matthew 1246, of a grant made by Hugh de Romenal subdean of Wells and rector of Woky to John le Poth of Exeter clerk and Juliana de Woky of his wife 2 acres of land to dwell in of the demesne of the church of Woky, which Reginald bishop of Bath conferred upon the same as an endowment at the dedication thereof, lying between the houses of Walter le Duk on one side and land of the same on the other, to hold to them and the heirs of their bodies of grantor and his successors at a yearly rent of 2*s.* payable quarterly, the reversion to grantor and his successors as the right of the said church; witnessed by Henry de London treasurer of Wells, William provost of Cumba, Nicholas de Seleburne succentor of Wells, Luke de Membiry, Joscelin the chaplain, Richard de Dynam and John de Sutton canons of Wells; and dated Wells, the vigil of St. Matthew 1246.]

R.I. f. 66*d.* The whole struck out.

Grant by John dean of Wells and the chapter of 20*s.* yearly of the chapel of Stokes belonging to their church of Northcury, payable quarterly by their bailiff of Northcury, in regard of the devotion of Sir Richard Tregoz vicar of Northcury, towards a daily mass in honour of the Virgin Mary founded by him in her chapel in the churchyard of Northcury, the chaplain to be presented by the said vicar, but his successors by the dean and chapter, provided that the residue of his maintenance be found elsewhere, and the money revert to them in default of such celebration. Dated Wells, the vigil of the Epiphany 1246.

R.I. f. 66*d.*

Inspeximus and confirmation by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells, xiii kal. March 1246, of a grant made by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells to William de Wrangheye of all the land he holds of the bishop in his manor of Welynton, namely one *cultura* called Middelland with buildings, curtilages, gardens and meadows therein contained, one *cultura* called Langeland, one *cultura* called Brecheland, and one *cultura* called Bukewell with wood and appurtenances as they lie enclosed by dykes, also one meadow called Westmed, to hold to the said William and the heirs of his body of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 20*s.* payable quarterly for all service, saving the fencing of his park at Westbury which the said William used to do; also licence to enclose the said *culturas*, and to have fencing in the bishop's wood of Fendes-

cumb, with the same liberties in the bishop's woods and mills at Welynton as other free tenants by charter there; for which William has given for gersum 10 marks; witnessed by Master Nicholas Tessun archdeacon of Bath, Master Robert de Tefford, Master Richard de Haldeswrth, Sir Gerbert de Welynton, Sir Randolph de Flury knights, Stephen de Welynton, William de la Ford, William Thursloc, and John de Bennecumb; and dated Woky, by Master Richard de Haldesworth, xiv kal. Feb. 3 bishop Roger.

R.I. f. 67.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells, vi id. April 1247, of a grant made by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells to William de Aure his servant of 8 acres of arable land outside the bishop's borough of Axebrug called Seyldeserd, and 18*d.* rent (whereof John de Fonte used to pay yearly 6*d.*, John Oldewey 6*d.*, and Richard the dyer 6*d.* of the said tenement,) to hold for life at a yearly rent of 1*lb.* of cumin at Michaelmas; witnessed by Sir Robert Fitz Payn, Sir Th[omas] de Alta Villa, Sir Robert Malerbe knights, Michael de Chelrinton the bishop's steward, Geoffrey Vassal, Ralph de Bagepuz, Robert de la Sale, William de Claford, William *de camera*, Philip de Cnoll, Gilbert de Sar' the bishop's clerk. (In margin: '*Nota pro prepositura*'.)

R.I. f. 67*d.*

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter, dated Wells in chapter, September 1247, of a grant made by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells to Sir William provost of Cumba and rector of Cerda of his mill in Cerda, which he caused to be erected to the damage of the free tenement and mills of the said William, which he has by grant of bishop Jocelin, as found by inquisition, to hold to the said William and the rectors his successors of the bishop and his successors, with suit of the bishop's men, burgesses and others of the manor without reservation, at a yearly rent of half a mark payable quarterly, with warranty; witnessed by Hugh de Rumunal subdean of Wells, John de Tanton, Adam de Gissych the bishop's official, John de Hereford, Robert de Marisco, Walter de Purlegh, Elyas de Baddeston canons of Wells, Henry de Cerne the bishop's steward, Randolph de Cerne; and dated Chyu, by Master Richard de Aldeswrth, 1247.

R.I. f. 67*d.*

[Memorandum that kal. March 1247 two instruments of that date bearing their common seal were delivered by J. dean of Wells and the chapter to the archdeacon of Wells, Master J. Odel[ine] and Ph[ilip] de Sideham canons as proctors to contract a loan of 100 marks in the court of Rome.]

The said two instruments were given up to the chapter on the vigil of St. Lucy 1249, also one of 59 marks in the name of J. de Button, concerning which he gave no bond to the chapter, and the bond he made while archdeacon was given up to him.

(In margin.) [Also a third pair concerning 100 marks renewed on the morrow of Palm Sunday, whereby J. dean of Wells and the chapter appointed W. de Button archdeacon of Wells their proctor to contract a loan with any merchant, dated kal. March 1247.]

Memorandum that this pair remained with the bishop when he gave up others, and touching these he made a bond to the chapter : and he gave up this on the day of St. Peter *ad cathedram* 12...to J. Button and N. de Cranford, in presence of the treasurer, J. le Fort, ...the subdean, and the bishop's bond was given up by J. and N.

R.I. f. 68. The portions in [ ] are cancelled.

Memorandum that letters patent dated in chapter, St. Cuthbert's day 1247, were issued by the chapter of Wells, addressed to Sir Thomas Long of Bristol and Robert la Ware clerk, directing them to be answerable to Robert de Marisco concerning the farm of his church of Eston, the said Robert having freed them from a debt wherein they were bound for him.

R.I. f. 68.

Inspeximus and assent by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells in chapter, Saturday after St. Matthias Ap. 1247, to a quitclaim made by John Sarr[acenus] the pope's subdeacon and chaplain and dean of Wells to Peter de Roka of Geoffrey Peuwyne with all that went with him from all neifty and servitude for 5*s.* ; dated Saturday before St. Simon and St. Jude 1247, and witnessed by Nicholas de Cuntevill, Robert de Cuntevill, Matthew de Banton, Henry de Cuntevill, Ralph the dean's vicar, Geoffrey de Merk chaplain, William the chaplain.

Note of a similar quitclaim of Richard Billing.

R.I. f. 68*d.*

[Bond of Master W. de Button archdeacon of Wells to the dean and chapter, who have given him three instruments touching a loan of 100 marks to be contracted towards their business in the court of Rome by Master J. Odel[ine] and Philip de Sideham canons their proctors, to return the said instruments and indemnify the church for any loss, dated kal. March 1247.

[Memorandum that though three pairs of letters are mentioned above, there were only two, the third being in the name of the archdeacon of Wells.]

The above cancelled : marginal note that the loan is paid.

R.I. f. 68*d.*

Proxy to act in the court of Rome, granted by the dean and chapter of Wells to Reynon the clerk, dated Wells, xiii kal. April 1247.

R.I. f. 68*d.*

Memorandum that on St. Benedict's day were delivered to Adam clerk of the archdeacon of Wells, to be conveyed to the archdeacon, a proxy for Reynon, two pairs of letters for the pope, three pairs touching a loan of 100 marks to be contracted.

Memorandum that on Monday before Easter 1248 J. de Button delivered to the archdeacon of Wells a pair of letters of 100 marks touching a loan to be contracted, and letters of commission touching provision of a pastor for the churches.

R.I. f. 69.

Inspeximus and assent, dated Wells xvi kal. May 1248, by the chapter of Wells, to the grant made by Master William de Lincoln chancellor of Wells to Robert son of William de Sutsexia for his service of a messuage with curtilage of the land of the church of Kyngesbiry late held by Nicholas Dyk in the town of Kynesbiry, half an acre of arable land on the north of that town between land of the bishop of Bath and Wells on the north and of John Loue on the south, and half an acre of meadow at the head of the said half acre in a moor called Bynorthton, to hold to the said Robert and the heirs of his body of grantor and his successors at a yearly rent of 2*s.*; witnessed by Henry Tessun precentor of Wells, Hugh de Romenal subdean, Nicholas de Seleburn succentor, Walter de Purl', John de Sutton canons; and dated Wells xvii kal. May 1248.

R.I. f. 69.

[Memorandum that on the day of St. John *ante Portam Latinam* 1248 issued letters from J. dean of Wells and the chapter appointing Sir John de Button canon of Wells their proctor to contract a loan of 59 marks with any merchant; dated Wells, kal. May 1248.]

R.I. f. 69. (Cancelled.)

Receipt given by Robert de Columbariis knight to the dean and chapter of Wells (by Roger de Wynesham their communar) for 10 marks for a fine between them upon a writ of right touching the manor of Hach. Done at Wells, Saturday after St. James Ap. 1247, in presence of H. subdean of Wells, G. de la Bretun (de Labstun) knight, Gilbert Grazeneuld, Alexander de London, Richard de Shorham.

R.I. f. 69: III. f. 220*d.*

Inspeximus and assent, dated the vigil of St. James 1251, by the dean and chapter of Wells, to a grant made by W. bishop of Bath and Wells to Philip de Butt[on] of the moiety of a burgage in Wells next the messuage of John de Wynth' on the north, and a stall (*stallum*) in the high street of the town opposite that of Adam Canun and Richard London to the east, to hold of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 8*d.* by quarterly payments; dated St. Andrew's Castle *extra* Lugdunum, vi kal. September 3 bishop W.

R.I. f. 69.

Agreement, dated Michaelmas 1248, between John Sarracenus dean of Wells and the chapter and Walter de Purlegh canon of the same church, demising the church of Ceddre with spiritualities and temporalities to the said Walter to farm for five years for 50 marks yearly payable to the communar at Wells at Trinity and the Beheading of St. John, but the first year's rent on St. Andrew's day, 50 marks new sterling or old of equal value: and he shall cause the church to be served by a priest and clerk, maintain the houses and court thereto belonging, also the chancel, books and ornaments of the church. Done in the chapter of Wells, v non. October.

R.I. f. 69*d*.

Letter of J. Sarr[acenus] dean of Wells and the chapter to Master N. de Euesham one of the canons, stating that it was long ago resolved in chapter that, to free the church of debt, one fifth of every prebend should be set aside for seven years; that several canons have not paid their part, and it has been decreed that if they do not pay before the octave of the Purification their prebends shall be sequestrated, and in case of resistance they shall be excommunicated; and requiring him to pay 18 marks due, namely 6 marks a year for three years. Dated Wells, St. Martin's day 1248.

R.I. f. 69*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to W. bishop of Salisbury, stating that by the advice of their late bishop Joscelin, to free their church from debt, it was resolved in general assembly that one fifth of every prebend should be set aside for seven years or longer if necessary, and it has been ordered that certain defaulters shall pay their arrears within the octave of St. Matthias next, or their prebends be sequestrated; that Master J. de Offinton one of the canons declines to obey, nor can they enter his prebend but by grace of the said bishop, being his diocesan; and desiring him to permit them, or else to instruct his official or archdeacon to act. Dated Wells, *pridie non. Decemb.* 1248.

R.I. f. 69*d*.

Memorandum that an ordinance was made by J. Sarrac[enus] dean of Wells concerning certain vicars of the church of Wells, namely W. de Cobeham, G. Praull', Richard de Langport, Thomas de Cantia, and Roger nephew of the late chancellor, accused of grave offences; that W. de Cobeham and G. Praull', having taken the cross but agreed not to claim the privilege of *cruce signati*, should be deprived for three years of their vicarages and commons, and then receive their vicarages again, provided they be found of such life as not to merit expulsion. For the others, see their letters obligatory.

R.I. f. 70.

Memorandum that W. de Hoyland priest late vicar of Wells was accused before the chapter of incontinence with Isabel daughter of Joce, and of backsliding, and of violence towards her

father who is an acolyte, and confessed, and gave letters patent, dated the octave of the Assumption August 1248, binding himself to resign his vicarage in case of further scandal; and whereas on the vigil of St. Edmund K. and M. 1248 before the chapter he was accused by W. bishop of Bath and Wells of backsliding with her, an inquiry took place, and he was summoned to hear sentence on Tuesday after St. Lucy, but the chapter instead of proceeding upon the depositions of witnesses allowed him to find compurgators, fixing the Friday after, when he resigned his vicarage into the hands of the subdean in the presence of H. the treasurer, N. the succentor, Master A. de Gessich, W. de Cusinton, W. de Purle, J. de Hereford, and almost all the vicars, his resignation was accepted, and the chapter allowed him to receive his stipend for Christmas term next, and to take his place in the choir until the morrow of the Circumcision upon condition of good behaviour, not however to receive his daily commons, but an allowance in lieu of them.

R.I. f. 70.

Memorandum that on St. Gregory's day 1248, when the executors of Master N. de Euesham had appeared before the chapter of Wells to know in what sum Master N. was bound to the chapter, it was found that he was bound in 14 marks of arrears of his fifth before his death and 2 marks accruing after his death of his prebend of St. Decumans, also in 12*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* for costs in a case against Ildicius, also in 6*l.* towards the fabric for six years, total 43 marks 10*s.* 4*d.* Also his goods were bound for the farm of Cristemeleford, as in the ordinance of the dean of London and his colleague: and as the chapter had sequestrated his goods at St. Decumans, it was agreed between them and the executors that his wheat should be threshed and his goods sold by Sir G. de Bristoll', under the supervision of Sir W. the chaplain, and the money deposited under seal in the treasury of Wells until Trinity, provided the executors or one of them should come in the week of Pentecost and shew what sum should be allowed them beyond 21 marks paid in his life time towards his fifth: the lands to be sown at their joint cost, and his oxen to be reserved at 6 marks for the purpose, but if after tillage (*waunagium*) they should be damaged something should be deducted from the value, namely 10*s.* each.

R.I. f. 70.

Inspeximus and assent by the chapter of Wells, dated Wells, St. Stephen's day, December 1248, to an ordinance of W. bishop of Bath and Wells touching the church of Sanford Arundel, that whereas the prior and canons of Legh of the order of St. Augustine in the diocese of Exeter by ordinance of bishop Joscelin received 20*s.* a year thereof, and a question touching the advowson of the same was mooted in the king's court by John Arundel knight, who despoiled them of the said 20*s.*, and was settled before Sir Roger de Turk'by, Sir Gilbert de Preston, Sir William de Sancto Edmundo and Sir Alan de Fornaus justices in eyre at Yvelcestre in the octave of the Purification 27 Henry III, the said John

acknowledging the advowson to be the right of the prior and church of Legh to hold in frank almoin, the bishop appropriated the said church to their use, causing it to be served by a chaplain and clerk, and to pay double synodals to the archdeacon in recompense for the injury to his right, saving the authority of the bishop and archdeacon; witnessed by Master John le Fort, Master Robert de Sancto Quintino, Adam de Nutsted canon of Wells, Richard de Button vicar of Wells, Stephen parson of Cyppestaple; and dated Welyngton, the morrow of St. Andrew 1248, by Master John le Fort.

R.I. f. 70*d*.

Memorandum that on St. Gregory's day 1248 appeared Robert de Euesham rector of the church of Cristemeleford in the chapter of Wells, and being required to give the chapter his bond for an indenmity by reason of the vicarage of the same which he holds of the dean and chapter, for that Master N. de Euesham formerly bound for him was dead, promised to give security to the limits of his power; and as the goods of Master N. were still bound to the chapter, as by ordinance of H. dean of London and Master Richard de Stanford appears, until payment be made to Hildicius vicar of Cristemeleford of his arrears and of his farm since the said ordinance, the said Robert promised to bring all his documents to Wells in Easter week to prove the chapter harmless, and sign a new bond for payment thenceforward to Hildicius and for their indemnification, to remain in the custody of the chapter, and every year to bring them writings touching his payments to Hildicius.

R.I. f. 70*d*.

Memorandum that on Friday the morrow of St. Edward K. and M. John de Scryuenam vicar of Wells craved licence to go to T. de Langelegh his lord and take his leave of him: licence refused, but let him well conceal his going and coming, and be back by the close of Easter or Hokeday at latest, or his vicarage would be held vacant. The term set for payment of his stipend for Easter term previously sequestrated was not relaxed, but his daily commons were allowed for the time he should take his place in the church after his return, xvii kal. April, and he withdrew a second time on Annunciation day.

R.I. f. 70*d*.

Proceedings in the chapter of Wells on Friday the morrow of St. Edward K. and M. 1248, whereas H. de Mertok had been cited by proxy by.....chaplain of Lydiard to appear before the subdean of Wells on the said Friday to answer to Henry le Blakecherll' or his proctor touching matters alleged against him, and to make submission, and do his service to the church of Wells as vicar thereof, otherwise his vicarage would be vacated, the said H. did not appear and was suspended accordingly, and peremptorily cited to appear on the morrow of the Annunciation: citation issued on St. Cuthbert's day.

R.I. f. 70*d*. (ink very faint).

Memorandum that in March 1248 on Monday in Passion week after St. Benedict in the chapter of Wells, Alexander de Bamfeld canon of Wells, having heard that his vicarage of the church of Wells was void by the resignation of William de Cobbeham, presented to the chapter John de Cumba chaplain, craving that he be admitted without delay. The chapter promised to consider the matter. Done in presence of H. the treasurer, N. the succentor, Master J. de Tanth[on], Master J. de Rak', Master R. de Schapewik, Robert de Marisco, Walter de Purlegh, J. de Derham canons. After deliberation with the precentor, the treasurer, the archdeacon of Tanton, the subdean, the succentor, Master G. de Byham, A. Gessich, J. de Rak', E. de Badest[on], L. de Membiry, J. de Teynt[on], J. de Hereford, Richard de Dinam, J. de Sutton, J. de Button and N. de Walt' on Sunday the octave of Easter, they admitted him on condition that he stand in the said vicarage for three years from the day of admission, which was Saturday before St. Elfege.

R.I. f. 71.

Proceedings in the chapter of Wells on the morrow of the Annunciation 1249, in a cause between the chapter and Henry Blakecherl plaintiffs and Henry de Mertoc vicar of Wells defendant, neither H. nor H. appearing: as to the case of the chapter against the said H. touching his citation to come to Wells and do his service as vicar in person by the letter of the chaplain of Lydiard, the chapter excommunicated him for contumacy, and entrusted the execution of their sentence to the said chaplain, also to cite the said H. to appear on the morrow of the close of Easter. On which day the said H. appeared in chapter, and having sworn to abide by the commands of the church, was ordered to take his place on the third bench with the boys from that day for fifteen days as well for the excommunication he had incurred as for his absence without leave. Touching the sum wherein he is bound to H. le Blakech[erl] by Sir J. de Teynt[on] proctor for the said H., they took a love day between them by the will of the chapter.

R.I. f. 71.

Memorandum that vi. id. April 1249 Robert de Euesham rector of Cristemeleford has deposited in the treasury of Wells 18 marks 10*s*. new sterling for the dean and chapter, to the behoof of Ildicius vicar of Cristemeleford, of his farm of 25 marks yearly payable to the said Ildicius or his proctor in London within the quinzaine of Easter at latest, and says he has paid 6 marks 3*s*. 4*d*. towards a subsidy to the pope for the fourth required of the said Ildicius as of the other Italians by the pope's authority; and he must save the dean and chapter harmless of the 6 marks 3*s*. 4*d*., and convey the 18 marks 10*s*. to London at his own cost and risk to be deposited at the New Temple, as in his bond. Sealed by the chapter.

R.I. f. 71.

Memorandum that *pridie idus Februar*. 1249 letters of the dean and chapter of Wells were granted to Robert de Euesham rector of Cristemeleford stating that he has deposited, etc.

Memorandum that the same Robert has delivered to the chapter eleven instruments touching his payments, from the date of the award made by the dean of London and Master Richard de Stanford between the dean and chapter and Ildicius vicar of Cristemeleford to Easter 1249: (*also on the day of the Exaltation of Holy Cross two instruments for Easter term 1249: also on the morrow of St. Denys two instruments for Easter term 1250.)

R.I. f. 71 (* added later).

Memorandum that on Whitsunday 1249 the chapter of Wells, namely H. Tesson precentor, H. de London treasurer, W. archdeacon of Tanton, Master G. de Byham, H. the subdean, N. the succentor, Masters A. Gessich, J. de Rak', El[ias] de Badestan, Luke de Membiry, J. de Teynt[on], J. de Hereford, Alexander de Banfeld, Richard de Dynam, J. de Sutton and Nicholas de Wilton, granted to Sir J. de Button the bishop's brother two portions falling to them of the prebend of St. Decuman according to the assessment, which is in all 20*l.*, provided he refund their costs in the tillage of the spring corn (*in waunagio tremesii*); also to retain the oxen that were of Master N. de Euesham at the same price as the chapter, namely 4*l.*, provided he refund both sums at once.

R.I. f. 71.

Memorandum that whereas H. de Mertok on the morrow of the close of Easter and continuously from day to day until the next Saturday was convened by the chapter, for that he was alleged to have kept the lady of Langeford in the archdeaconry of Tanton, at one time at Wells at another in the said archdeaconry, the said H. declared that he could purge himself; but the report was so general that it was believed rather than the said H., and the chapter decreed that inquiry should be made by the chapter at Wells, and by the archdeacon of Tanton in his archdeaconry, and they should then confer together.

R.I. f. 71.

Whereas the said H. was defamed touching fornication with Alice daughter of Geoffrey the carpenter, and accused in chapter, he confessed; and it was decreed he should make letters patent not to repeat the offence, if he is to take his place in the church.

R.I. f. 71.

Whereas the said H. was gravely accused touching the removal of 20 marks from the treasury, because of the strong suspicion against him, also touching debts he had contracted, and made no sufficient answer, he was asked whether he would resign his vicarage or abide the sentence of the chapter, and craved a day to consider: a day was set him on the morrow of St. Mark provided he content his creditors in the mean time.

R.I. f. 71.

Memorandum that whereas R. abbot of Aling[ney] was summoned to appear before the chapter on the morrow of St. George 1249 to answer, etc., he sent H. one of his monks as proctor (proxy

dated Alingn[ey], St. George's day); and as the monk was not a canon, and the chapter would not reveal their secrets to him, it was decreed that the abbot should again be summoned in person on Friday next, the vigil of St. Philip and St. James, and a citation was handed to the vicar of Sutton. The abbot appeared on the day appointed, in presence of the subdean, succentor, Master J. de Tanton, Master J. de Rak', Master R. de Sapewik, W. de Purle, W. de Dinam, and J. de Derham, and after warning not to divulge the secrets of the chapter on pain of excommunication, he was charged with perjury, having sworn to observe the customs of their church, and with infringing the custom that in case of litigation between two of the canons, or between a canon and the chapter, the defendant should first be convened before the chapter and not before any other person, in that he had entered his plaint before Sir R. de Wroteham touching the seizure of his nets in the fishery of Burwere made by the chapter's morward, to the damage of their liberties estimated at 100*l.* and more, by occasion whereof their men's cattle were distrained and driven from Ceddre to Nyweton and there kept, and had further procured an order of Sir R. that any of their men found between Cury and Bruges should be taken and kept at Nyweton as thieves: the chapter also intended to send to the king's court, and would require their damages and costs to be refunded by him as a canon, and touched upon his having given security for process, as Sir R. had informed R. (*sic*) de Purle and J. de Sutton when sent to him. Asked whether as monk or abbot he ever saw the nets seized as aforesaid, he answered always by the forester, save once by H. Ragge, and then they were given up by the provost of Cumba, then steward. Finally he craved a day to consider, otherwise he appealed to the bishop, and was allowed until the morrow of Trinity, and meanwhile his nets were given up, provided that if he and the chapter agree he may keep them, otherwise he shall give them back to the bailiff of Cury, also that he would cause their cattle to be given up.

R.I. f. 71*d.*

Memorandum that when H. de Mertok appeared before the chapter of Wells on the morrow of St. Mark to say whether he would resign his vicarage or abide the chapter's sentence (as above), he said he had nothing to fear as he was not guilty, and desired inquiry touching his incontinence with Dame Langeford: ordered that inquiry take place before St. John *ante Portam Latinam*, and conference on the morrow of that feast. For the 20 marks, resolved that Master Robert de Tefford (specially concerned in that business) be cited to appear on the morrow of St. Nereus and St. Achilles, (citation issued Tuesday after St. Mark). Whereas the said Henry was defamed anew for his connection with a married woman at Lidiard whose husband had gone to the Holy Land five years before, he denied the charge: decreed that Sir W. de Purle make inquiry before St. John's day. Ordered that the said H. content R. Norensis, John the draper, and his other creditors before the morrow of St. John.

R.I. f. 71*d.*

Memorandum that when H. de Mertok appeared on the morrow of the Ascension before the chapter of Wells, namely H. the precentor, W. archdeacon of Tanton, H. the subdean, Master R. de Sapewik, Master Luke de Membiry, Robert de Marisco, J. de Hereford, and J. de Sutton, to say whether he would resign his vicarage or hear their sentence, he craved a respite until the bishop's coming, which was refused, then until the dean's return, which was granted, on condition he should not take his place in the church (*stabit extra ecclesiam*) and receive nothing of the common fund or other revenues, nor any stipend of his lord, but his lord should cause another clerk meanwhile to serve the church in lieu of a vicar: this undertaking the said H. gave, and the inquisition was sealed up by the precentor and R. de Marisco, and placed in the chest where the writings of the church are kept.

R.I. f. 71*d*.

Memorandum that when on the morrow of Trinity the abbot of Alingn[ey] appeared as canon in the chapter of Wells to say whether he would answer as above, he said he was advised to make no answer to the chapter touching his lay fee or his abbey, save only touching his prebend, wherefore he put himself under the protection of the pope, the king and the bishop, craving that proceedings be suspended till the bishop should come to Wells: the abbot after pressure promised to give back the nets to the bailiff of Cury as agreed on Monday after St. Barnabas next, the chapter protesting that they convened him only touching his person as canon, for contravening the statutes of their church, and dismissing his plea of ignorance. For further consideration, a day was set on Monday after St. Barnabas. Present the treasurer, subdean, succentor. . . . . .

R.I. f. 71*d*. (imperfect: the next leaf has been cut out).

Memorandum that on Sunday before St. Andrew 1250 (Sunday letter B) William de Beaumunt provost of Bristol gave back to H. subdean of Wells one halfpenny taken of Walter son of the late Simon de Heanton his man for toll for a fish sold there, and to John de Derham three farthings taken of three men for wheat etc. sold there: and this was done towards Avene bridge before the seld of William the goldsmith in the presence of . . . clerk of the toll house, who read the king's charter before the said W. de Beaumunt in the street, by these tokens, that the said W. changed a penny with W. the goldsmith for four farthings whereof he handed three to the said John, and the bell was ringing for vespers. And W. de Beaumunt added, after hearing the charter read, that he knew the canons' men should be quit of toll, and if any had to pay, it was for want of an oath that they were their villeins. Next day this was repeated in the toll house by the subdean, and after by W. de Beaumunt before Simon the clerk mayor of the town and several burgesses, and the charter read by Jordan the clerk; whereupon the subdean and the said John, by leave of the mayor etc., withdrew with their toll repaid.

R.I. f. 72. The names of mayor and provost do not agree with *Ricart's Kalendar* (Camden Society).

Bond of Robert de Euesham rector of Cristelmeleford in Salisbury diocese to deposit yearly during his life in the treasury of the church of Wells for the dean and chapter 25 marks, for the use of Ildicius vicar of Cristemeleford, before the Sunday on which is sung *Isti sunt dies*, for the farm of the vicarage which the dean and chapter hold of Ildicius, as in the charter he has and in the institution of the said rector touching his parsonages made by Richard late bishop of Salisbury, which he professes to hold as the vicar's portion during the life of Ildicius ; and to convey the said sum to London at his own cost and risk, with the costs of a messenger of the chapter, to be deposited at the New Temple within the quinzaine of Easter at latest, saving to him the residue of his portion in name of the parsonage after such charges paid, the whole church to revert to him after the death or cession of Ildicius. Sworn upon the gospels, with submission to the archdeacon of Wiltesire. Done in the chapter of Wells, in presence of Master Henry Tesson precentor, Henry de London treasurer, Hugh the subdean, Master John de Tanton, Master Gilbert de Biham, Master Adam de Gessich, Master Elias de Baddeston, John de Button, Luke de Membirie, John de Hereforde, Richard de Dinham canons of Wells, vi id. April 1249.

R.I. f. 72.

Memorandum that on Thursday before the Annunciation 1250 the chapter wrote to Reyner de Piperona by the brother who had come for his salary, and revoked his proxy ; also to the dean to make a reckoning with the said Reyner and take back his proxy.

R.I. f. 72.

Memorandum that on the vigil of St. Gregory 1250 J. de Hereford gave the names of witnesses he intended to produce before the chapter, to shew that the executors of R. late bishop are bound to answer for the debt which the executors of W. de Badestan withheld, namely 14*l.* or thereabouts : Ivo who is with Sir W. de Purle, Roger the clerk, Gregory, R. de Alliswrth : a day fixed before the treasurer, J. Fortis, L. de Membiry, R. de Dinam, J. de Teinton, R. de Sapewik and the subdean to produce those in England, the morrow of *quasi modo*.

R.I. f. 72.

Memorandum that on Saturday after the close of Easter 1250 issued a proxy from the chapter addressed to the pope for Master Gilbert de Sarum and Master Thomas de Aldítheford, and the like addressed to the cardinals.

A second and third proxy for the same persons, same date, addressed to the pope.

R.I. f. 72*d.*

A letter issued Thursday after the translation of St. Andrew 1251, by authority of the subdean, J. de Button, J. de Teinton, R. de Mar[isco], W. de Purle, W. de Cusinton, and Luke de Membiry : R. de Tefford, J. de Hereford and R. de Dinam consenting the same day :

Whereby the chapter revoke proxies given to G. de Sarum and Thomas de Aldithefford, and recall them, seeing that all the provisions made at Oxford on the morrow of the close of Easter have been varied by the bishops of England sitting at London about the quinzaine of Easter, and all the bishops are writing to the lord of Canterbury praying him not to molest them, their chapters or their clergy, and tendering obedience, and pending his answer have suspended their proctors' journey: but if the others proceed they are to proceed also. Instructions to chief proctors to apply also to N. de Cranford, etc.

R.I. f. 72*d*.

Memorandum that on the Translation of St. Benedict the chapter, after inspecting a letter brought by W. de Cusinton on behalf of the bishop against R. de Winesham, summoned the said R. and set him a day to consider and answer, and to name his accomplices if he chose, namely Friday after St. James.

R.I. f. 72*d*.

Memorandum that on Ash Wednesday the chapter despatched a proxy to J. Saracenus the dean at the court of Rome.

R.I. f. 72*d*.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Bartholomew 1251 issued a letter from the chapter of Wells testifying that H. de Lydyard also called de Mertok, formerly vicar of that church, withdrew with their leave.

R.I. f. 72*d*.

Memorandum that on the translation of St. Swithun 1252 issued a letter from the chapter of Wells, addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Roger de Totton a chaplain in the church of Wells to the perpetual vicarage of Ceddre with the obventions to the altar and small tithes, to be assessed according to the provincial council; dated iv. id. July.

Also a similar letter presenting J. de Cumba to the vicarage of Lidiard.

R.I. f. 72*d*.

Proxy given by the chapter of Wells to Master W. de Button and Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacons of Wells and Tanton and W. de Maydeneston, to announce to the prior and convent of Bath the death of Jocelin their bishop, and arrange with them to send to the king's court and obtain licence to elect, with power to appeal. Dated Wells, Saturday after St. Edmund 1242. (Marginal note that appeal was made the Sunday following at Bath in the prior's chamber under the great hall, before the prior and the greater part of the convent.)

R.I. f. 73.

Form of citation to attend on Friday before St. Thomas Ap. in chapter at Wells for the election upon the death of bishop J., with warning of the hindrances prepared for them by the prior and monks of Bath.

R.I. f. 73.

Commission by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Philip de Gildeford to go with their letters to the king, and to shew a copy of certain instruments of theirs touching their right of electing a bishop with the monks of Bath.

R.I. f. 73 (repeated f. 74, but there cancelled).

Letter of J. dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Geoffrey de Wlward the king's clerk, announcing their intention shortly to send for licence to elect a bishop in place of bishop J. after assembling all the canons, and praying his influence to prevent their being forestalled by the monks of Bath, seeing that the power to elect is vested in them and the monks of Bath jointly.

R.I. f. 73*d*.

Appeal by J. dean of Wells and the chapter to the papal see against any attempt to prejudice their right jointly with the prior and convent of Bath to elect a bishop after the death of bishop Jocelin; and proxy to Sir Philip de Gildeford one of the canons and Richard the clerk for that purpose. Dated Wells, St. Lucy 1242.

R.I. f. 73*d*. (repeated f. 75).

Letter of J. dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Philip de Gildeford canon, directing him (if possible in company with Sir Hugh de Vivona, Sir Peter Chacepork and Geoffrey Wlward the king's clerk) to lay before the king their accompanying letters deprecatory touching attempts made by the monks of Bath to prejudice their joint right to elect a bishop after the death of bishop J.

R.I. f. 73*d*.

Letter of J. dean of Wells and the chapter to Thomas prior of Bath and the convent, despatched by H. the subdean and Luke one of the canons, requesting them by reason of their joint right to elect a bishop to join in sending messengers to the king to crave licence to elect by Christmas or the morrow at the latest; and appealing against any attempt to act without them, as they have appealed on the day of the bishop's burial in the church of Wells, and after at Bath by their proctors in the presence of the prior and the greater part of the convent. Dated Monday the morrow of St. Thomas Ap. 1242.

R.I. f. 74.

Memorandum that on Tuesday after St. Thomas Ap. 1242 came to Bath Hugh called subdean of Wells and Luke de Membiry canon of Wells, with these letters and with four vicars of Wells, namely

Walter de Sarum, Richard de Button chaplains, John de Cerde, William de Brug' deacons, and David the clerk nephew of the treasurer of Wells, and about the third hour entered the hall of the priory guest-house and there found the prior with certain monks, namely Thomas de Theukebiry, Richard formerly almoner, John Kaddok, Richard de Kanning the younger, Walter the kitchener (*quisinarius*) and two more, and Masters Robert de Theford and Henry de Bathonia, in whose presence the subdean read the above letters and handed them to the prior, requesting him in the name of the chapter to communicate them to the convent, who said he would do so: and the subdean thrice warned the prior to join in sending messengers to the king.

R.I. f. 74.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to W. archbishop of York thanking him for assistance touching the execution of the late bishop's will, and for his public testimony in the king's council to their right of electing a bishop with the church of Bath; stating that they have by his advice held several meetings to negotiate with the monks of Bath, but the latter having all the time been secretly attempting to obtain licence to elect, they have little hope of a settlement; and praying him to grant J. Sarr[acenus] their dean and Robert de Mariscis one of the canons (whom they are sending to the king for licence to elect) leave to cross the sea, to signify to the king the truth about the case by letter, and to give them his further advice and aid.

R.I. f. 74*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to W. bishop of Carlisle, thanking him for his advice, and for his testimony before the archbishop and the king's council about their joint right of election, and praying him to signify the truth about the case to the king by letter, and to give his aid and advice to J. Sarracenus their dean and Robert de Mariscis canon, whom they are sending, as above.

R.I. f. 74*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to their friend and fellow canon Sir S. de Everdon the king's clerk, requesting him to advance with his aid and advice the business of their church, for which they are sending the dean and Sir Robert de Mariscis canon to the king.

R.I. f. 75.

Proxy to act in the court of Rome, addressed by the chapter of Wells to Pope I[nnocent IV], in favour of John Sarracenus his subdeacon and chaplain dean of Wells and Master John de Offinton one of the canons, touching the election of a bishop. Dated Wells in chapter, St. John Ev. 1242 [1243*].

R.I. f. 75 [* correction in a late hand.]

Letter of the chapter of Wells to O. cardinal deacon of St. Nicholas *in carcere Tulliano*, praying his aid and advice for John Sarracenus their dean [*Hugh their subdean and Master Simon

de Chelewrthe their clerk] whom they are sending to the court of Rome, especially against the prior and monks of Bath who are trying to exclude them from their joint right of electing a bishop.

R.I. f. 75*d*. [* added in the margin in a late hand].

Summons by Th[omas] prior of Bath and the convent to John dean of Wells and the chapter to their church of Bath on Friday after the Purification, on which day they will proceed to the election of a bishop, without prejudice to their own rights; and protest against any claim of the chapter by right or custom to join n the election. Dated Bath, iii kal. February 1243.

R.I. f. 75*d*.

Appeal by the chapter of Wells to the papal see against any attempt to elect a bishop without them, they having the right to elect jointly with the monks of Bath, and being ready to proceed to an election; and proxy to H. the subdean and Master H. de Atrio Dei to lay this appeal in the church of Bath, signifying the same to Th[omas] prior of Bath. Dated Wells, St. Agatha V. 1242.

R.I. f. 75*d*.

Memorandum that on St. Agatha's day about vespers came H. the subdean and Master H. de Atrio Dei, and read the above letter in a chamber below the hall of the guest-house in presence of Thomas the prior, W. the sacrist, the precentor, and Gilbert de Kaerdine monks, a monk unknown, a chaplain warden of the bakehouse, Master Robert de Theford, Master Henry de Bathonia and Simon the physician (*phisicus*) the prior's clerks, John de Hereford clerk and Thomas the hunter servants of the chapter, etc., in whose presence they made appeal, and craved a conference with the convent, which was refused, wherefore they again appealed. Afterwards the said proctors, while passing through the parlour, appealed in presence of Robert the old sacrist, R. the monk, the said chaplain and two other monks. Afterwards entering the church they sat before the door of the choir craving a conference with the convent, which was refused by Master Robert de Teford, Master Henry de Bathonia and Simon the physician, who procured that all the monks in the church should enter their cloister and bolted the doors, and from that the said proctors appealed before the said masters, the precentor of the house, and two servants of the sacrist named Henry and Robert. On the morrow they appealed against the sentence pronounced by the precentor upon all who might hinder their election, in presence of H. archdeacon of Bath, W. de Button archdeacon of Wells, W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Richard de Button chaplain of the archdeacon of Wells, Walter chaplain of the archdeacon of Bath, William the dean of Bath, Master Robert de Sancto Quintino, Richard clerk . . . John de Sancto Quintino, Thomas the hunter, Walter Bavent, William Escamel, Robert the marshal esquires of the archdeacon of Bath, Elyas his steward etc., and this appeal was renewed before the

prior and certain of his monks who entered to celebrate the election, again when Master Osmund read the licence, and a third time when the election was published by the prior. Appeal was made against the election celebrated in contempt of the canons, and against the person elect. Also the said proctors appealed against the person elect in the chapel of Salisbury the Saturday following, before Robert de Hertford the dean, Henry de Lexinton treasurer, Giles archdeacon of Berkshire, Roger the succentor, Master Henry de Bissoppeston, Master Thomas de Ebleburn and Ralph de Eboraco, and the messengers of the convent of Bath, namely Walter the sacrist and Gilbert de Dunstorre monks, Master Henry de Bathonia and Osmund de Idemestun.

R.I. f. 75*d*. (in margin).

Letter of the chapter of Wells to T. prior of Bath and the convent, stating that as their two late conferences at Farenton touching the joint election of a bishop had been inconclusive owing to the absence of certain friends of both parties, they are upon advice sending the archdeacons of Bath, Wells and Tanton to confer with them. Dated Wells, St. Agatha's day 1242.

R.I. f. 75*d*.

Summons by the chapter of Wells to Sir W. de Eboraco provost of Beverley one of their canons, to be present in chapter on Friday after Ash Wednesday (*capud jejunii*), to deal with the election of the precentor of Salisbury wrongfully made, in spite of their appeal to the papal see and to the injury of their liberties, by the monks of Bath, with whom they have a joint right of election and jointly elected the bishop lately deceased* ; enclosing a summary of their proceedings since the bishop's death, not to be communicated except to Sir R. de Lexinton and Sir S. de Everdon ; and praying him to forward his opinion by H. the subdean, whom they are sending for the purpose.

R.I. f. 76. * Marginal note that thus far it is in common form.

Immediately after the bishop's death the chapter sent a message to the prior and convent of Bath desiring them to send a joint deputation to the king for his licence to elect jointly, as they elected the late bishop, and appealing to the papal see against any attempt to proceed without them. The monks asked for a conference, and meanwhile secretly sent to the king for licence to elect. The chapter met and named proctors to go to the king, first giving notice to the monks to join with them ; but the monks' messengers were before them, and procured a licence ; and they sent letters patent to the chapter (enclosed) which were received on Saturday before the Purification. The chapter (all of whom could not arrive in time) sent proctors to Bath on Thursday after the Purification, and appealed to the papal see against any attempt to proceed without them ; but they were not admitted to the convent, nor were others who had been appointed to negotiate for an accord, but the monks offered to allow them and all the canons

who were at Bath to join in the election, which they declined to do, as they had no summons for that purpose, and had there been a summons, there had not been time for others to attend. The monks, in contempt of the chapter, elected the precentor of Salisbury; and the chapter again appealed to the papal see against the election and the person elect, notifying the same to the said precentor, and sending copies of the instruments on which they relied; and appealed against his assent to the election; but he did assent. The chapter have also notified the king's council, praying that the royal assent may be withheld.

R.I. f. 76.

Proxy addressed by the chapter of Wells to Pope I[nnocent] in favour of John Sarracenus the pope's subdeacon and chaplain and dean of Wells, for litigation in the court of Rome touching the joint election of a bishop of the church of Wells and the monastery of Bath by them and the monks, between themselves and the prior and convent, and between themselves and Master Roger precentor of Salisbury elected by the monks, notifying the same to the said prior and convent, and to the said master Roger. Dated xiv kal. March 1242.

(Marginal notes, giving the form of similar proxies for Hugh the subdean and Master Simon de Cheleworth clerk; and correcting the date to 1243.)

R.I. f. 77.

Petition of the chapter of Wells to King H[enry III], stating that they and the monks of Bath had a joint right of electing a bishop, as they elected the bishop last deceased; that the monks secretly forestalled them and obtained his licence to elect, and contrary to right and to their appeal to the papal see and to him, have elected the precentor of Salisbury; and praying him to withhold his assent.

R.I. f. 77.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to J. Sarracenus the pope's subdeacon and chaplain and dean of Wells, to inform him of their doings since his departure, stating that on Saturday before the Purification they received letters patent from Thomas prior of Bath and the convent (see above), and determined to assemble all the canons on Friday after Ash Wednesday to consult (form as above), but have no intention of proceeding to an election unless the monks' election be first quashed, as the dean advised. For fear the monks should forestall them and get the king's assent, as they had his licence to elect, they request the dean if possible (unless he is sure that they have the pope) to see the king again, and prevent his assenting, and for that purpose send a proxy and appeal; but are sending someone else to the king in haste, for fear the bearer fail them. It is superfluous to ask him to display earnestness especially at Rome, to adopt the attitude of possessor not petitioner, and to take advice from those who know the court better than they do.

R.I. 77*d*.

Letter of King Henry III to the dean and chapter of Wells, stating that licence to elect was granted to the monks of Bath saving the rights of the church of Wells, and that he believes they are not thereby prejudiced. Dated Bordeaux, 28 January.

R.I. f. 78.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to Thomas prior of Bath and the convent, stating that they have obtained the king's licence to elect a bishop, and summoning them to join in the election in their church of Wells on the morrow of Trinity, or else to confer with them at Ferenton on the vigil of St. Philip and St. James concerning a fit place, otherwise they will proceed to elect. Dated Wells, xii kal. May 1243.

R.I. f. 78.

Memorandum that on Tuesday after St. George this citation issued, by Luke de Membiry, Richard de Dynam canons, W. de Brug', Serlo, Walter de Salesbury and John de Cerda vicars, who read it at Bath in the presence of the subprior, precentor, and other monks, and handed it to the subprior, who accepted it.

R.I. f. 78 (in margin).

Licence to elect by King H[enry III] to the dean and chapter of Wells, on petition of J. the dean and R. de Marisco one of the canons, who announced the death of bishop J., saving the right of the church of Bath. Dated Bordeaux, 10 March 27 Henry III.

A second copy 'saving the right of the church of Bath, if it have any right in the election, upon the voidance of the see.' Same date.

R.I. f. 78.

Letter of King H[enry III] to the dean and chapter of Wells, stating that John de Derham one of the canons and Alexander de London clerk of their church had come with their letters protesting their appeal to the pope, and undertaking that, pending such appeal, he would do nothing in prejudice of their rights against the prior and the monks of Bath, who had presented to him Master R. precentor of Salisbury as their elect. Dated Bordeaux, 24 March 27 Henry III.

(Marginal note.) Received at Wells St. Mark's day.

R.I. f. 78*d*.

Proxy given by the chapter of Wells to H. the subdean and Master H. de Atrio Dei canons, to meet the prior and monks of Bath at Ferenton on the vigil of St. Philip and St. James and treat concerning a fit place for the election of a bishop to be celebrated on the morrow of Trinity. Dated Wells, Wednesday before St. Philip and St. James 1243.

(Marginal note.) This proxy issued on the vigil of St. Philip and St. James.

R.I. f. 78*d*.

Memorandum that on Thursday before St. Philip and St. James, on their vigil, were present at Ferenton, with the said proctors of the chapter, Master W. de Button archdeacon of Wells, Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Thanton, H. treasurer of Wells, Master Robert de Sancto Quintino and Gwileminus clerks of the archdeacon of Thanton, David the treasurer's clerk, Nicholas clerk of the archdeacon of Wells, Thomas hunter of J. late bishop of Bath, Walter de Bavent, Robert Marmion esquires of the archdeacon of Wells, William de Bureford chaplain of Palton, Vygeroys yeoman of the archdeacon of Thanton, Gilbert de Lentenay yeoman of the archdeacon of Wells, Dudeman the clerk yeoman of the treasurer, William de Eston '*minor*,' Richard de Evercriz yeoman of the subdean, Henry de Pridie yeoman of Thomas the hunter.

R.I. f. 78*d*.

Letter [of the chapter] to the king, with thanks for his letters, messengers, and lastly for sending Sir P. Russinol his clerk, who on the morrow of Trinity at Wells desired knowledge touching their proceedings: and stating that upon advice and full consideration they decided to make no election until the election by the monks of Bath of (*Master Roger) precentor of Salisbury be quashed, especially in view of the appeal to the papal see lodged by the said monks against a new election. [No date.]

R.I. f. 78*d*. * The name in margin.

Addition in a second letter under the chapter seal, by Richard (*sic*), recommending to the king his faithful clerk J. Mansell, one of the canons.

R.I. f. 78*d*.

Letter [of the chapter] to the queen, replying to several letters of hers, by which were inculcated prayers for N. the king's clerk and hers, and stating that at an assembly in the church of Wells on the morrow of Trinity it was decided to make no election until the election made after their appeal to the papal see by the monks of Bath be quashed. [No date.]

R.I. f. 79.

Proxy for proceedings in the court of Rome, addressed by the chapter of Wells to Pope I[nnocent IV], in favour of John Sarracenus the dean. (Similar to proxy on f. 77, but undated.)

R.I. f. 79.

Similar proxy, dated Wells, the vigil of St. Peter *ad vincula* 1243. (The pope not named.)

R.I. f. 79.

Similar proxy, same date. The pope's name left blank.

R.I. f. 79.

Similar proxy, same date, addressed *omnibus Christi fidelibus*.

R.I. f. 79*d*.

[Proxy by the chapter of Wells to John Sarracenus the pope's subdeacon and chaplain dean of Wells, to contract a loan of 100 marks for their business in the court of Rome. Dated Wells, St. Peter *ad vincula* 1243].

[Under this form are four letters, the first of 50 marks (altered in late hand to 100 marks), the second of 25 marks, the third of 25 marks, the fourth of 20 marks (altered to 50).]

Cancelled : Marginal note, '*Cassantur quia reportantur.*'

R.I. f. 79*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to John de Columba cardinal priest of St. Praxed, recommending to his favour their dean J. Sarr[acenus], especially against the prior and monks of Bath, who have infringed their joint rights by electing Master R. precentor of Salisbury as bishop, in spite of appeals by the chapter to the papal see.

R.I. f. 79*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to John de Offinton one of the canons, who is bound to defend the joint right of their church in the election of a bishop against the monks of Bath, as J. Sarracenus the dean, who is proceeding to the court of Rome, will explain by word of mouth, praying his aid and counsel.

R.I. f. 79*d*.

Memorandum that on Tuesday after the Assumption 1243 were delivered in the chapter letters of the canons of Wrspring, dated on the morrow of the Assumption 1243, addressed to the dean and chapter, presenting Richard canon of Kaynesham, formerly parson of Stok, for confirmation as their prior elect, after the death of prior Reginald, during the vacancy of the see; and after deliberation upon the election and the merit of the elect, confirmation was given, and a writing made, in presence of (*R. de Ken') chancellor, (*H. de London) treasurer, (* . . de Sancto Quintino) archdeacon of Tanton, (*W. de Westhamsteide) provost of Cumba, (*Nicholas de Selleburn) succentor, Luke de Membiry, John Odelin, John de Sutton, Richard de Dynam, Jocelin the chaplain, William de Pilton, William de Kaynesham, John de Derham, Walter Brunus, Ralph de Chyu, Richard de Langport, Miles, Roger de Wynesham, William de Lecchelad, Walter Sar', John de Kaynesham, Roger de Westbury, Luke de Bristollia, Walter de Cerda, Th[omas] de Kent, Robert de Welles canons and vicars.

R.I. f. 80. * These names are interlineations.

Confirmation by the chapter (as above). Done on Tuesday after the Assumption, in August.

R.I. f. 80.

Memorandum that the subdean has five instruments concerning a loan in the same form as the dean, the first of 100 marks, the second of 50 marks, the third of 25 marks, the fourth of 25 marks, the fifth of 20 marks.

R.I. f. 80.

Form of summons to the canons by the chapter of Wells, to be present or to appoint a proctor on the morrow of the Ascension, to deliberate upon an answer to the pope, who has appointed the precentor of Salisbury bishop of Bath without prejudice to their joint right of election with the prior and monks of Bath, and sent letters to that effect to the king, the archbishop elect of Canterbury, the church of Bath, and the clergy and people of the diocese ; also upon the cause between the chapter and the church of Bath in the court of Rome touching their right of election. Dated the morrow of St. Mark 1244.

R.I. f. 80*d*.

Memorandum that on Wednesday the vigil of St. Giles 1244 issued letters of the dean and chapter, at the request of the dean and chapter of Lincoln (by Master Walter de Well'), addressed to Pope Innocent [IV], praying him to consider the case of the Lincoln chapter, who are being oppressed by the bishop, touching certain liberties and customs approved in the churches of Lincoln and Wells, and in most of the cathedral and prebendal churches of England.

R.I. f. 80*d*.

On Sunday after the Nativity of St. Mary 1244 in the conventual church of Rading appeared for the church of Wells canons specially appointed, namely Master R. de Kenylworth chancellor, Henry de London treasurer, Master Walter de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Hugh de Romenal subdean etc., before bishops, abbots, priors, prelates and clerks of England assembled to celebrate the consecration of Master Roger bishop of Bath, and letters of pope Innocent to Boneface archbishop elect of Canterbury being first read, and others to the dean and chapter of Wells whereby (*inter alia*) the pope ordained that in future the monks of Bath and canons of Wells should have equal power touching the election of a bishop, postulated the said Master Roger for bishop. And because in the said papal letters four questions were reserved, namely where the election should be held, which should be the cathedral church, which should have the installation, and after which the bishop should be named, they appealed to the papal see that nothing should be done to their prejudice. Afterwards, as the hour of consecration approached, no postulation being made according to the manner of the church of England, W. de Ralegh bishop of Winchester, being deputed to consecrate, proceeded to the examination ; and the bishop elect professed obedience to the archbishop elect of Canterbury and his successors.

R.I. f. 80*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated in the chapter of Wells xiii kal. Dec. 1263, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Stephen Russel and Joan his wife for their service of one fardel of land in Bocland of his manor of Welynton which William Russel formerly held, to hold for their lives of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 6*s*. 8*d*.

payable quarterly, and further 4½*d.* to the bishop's larderer at Martinmas, and at St. Peter *ad vincula* 1*d.* as Peter's penny, and 1*d.* called hundredespeni for all demands, saving suit of the hundred and of the bishop's court of Welynton as other free men of the manor, fencing of his park of Westbyri as much as the said William used to do, and two ploughings one in summer one in winter to be done yearly; witnessed by John Fortis chancellor of Wells, Master Thomas Franceis the bishop's steward, Henry de Wolaynton, Master William de Bosynton, Richard de Bamfeld, Ralph de Lullynton, Thomas de Welynton, John de Benecumb, John de Jordanestane.

R.I. f. 81.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated in the chapter of Wells Monday after St. Andrew 1263, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Richard le Fox his yeoman for his service of one fardel of land with a messuage etc. at la Clyve in his manor of Jatton, which Osbert the gardener formerly held, to hold of the bishop and his successors to Richard and the heirs of his body at a yearly rent of 20*d.* payable quarterly, and further 6*d.* at Martinmas to the bishop's larderer for all demands, saving suit of the hundred and of the bishop's court of Jatton as other free men of the manor, and fencing of his park of Westbiry as much as Osbert used to do; witnessed by Master William de Bosynton, Sir Gilbert de Sarum chaplain, Richard de Bamfield canon of Wells, Sir Philip de Wyk, Richard de la More, Adam de Button, Richard de Ken, Bartholomew de la More, Thomas de Heghame.

R.I. f. 81.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated in the chapter of Wells vi kal. January 1263, to an appropriation made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to the prior and convent of Bath of the church of St. Mary de Stall' Bath, previously of their patronage, to enter upon the decease or cession of the rector, saving a competent vicarage therein, and a pension anciently payable to the sacrist of the said monastery, dated id. May 15 bishop William, by J. chancellor of Wells.

R.I. f. 81.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Wells kal. January 1263, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Adam de Crokesleg his servant for his service, of one ferling of land in Ceddre, which Robert Unthonk held for life, to hold of the bishop and his successors for life at a yearly rent of 2*s.* 6*d.* payable quarterly; witnessed by William de Aure, Roger Harold, Stacy de Batecumb, William son of Walter, Geoffrey Gyngelot, and dated Banewell, vi kal. January 1263.

R.I. f. 81*d.*

Form of oath of the vicars in the cathedral church of Wells, when they are to be made perpetual, according to the statute of the said church, swearing obedience to the dean and chapter in

canonical and lawful commands, to keep the secrets of the chapter, observe the statutes and customs of the church of Wells, and be diligent in learning the psalter, hymnal, and antiphonary.

R I. f. 81*d*.

Citation by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to the prior and convent of Bath, to send proctors to Fernton on Thursday before Palm Sunday to arrange with their proctors about procuring from the king's court a joint licence to elect a bishop, according to the provision made by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated in the chapter of Wells, vi id. April 1264.

R.I. f. 82.

Proxy of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to the prior and convent of Bath and their proctors, in favour of Master Nicholas de Sancto Quintino, Sir Gilbert de Sar' and Master Godfrey Giffard canons of Wells, for the above purpose. Dated v id. April 1264.

R.I. f. 82.

Proxy of W. prior of Bath and the convent, addressed to E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, in favour of their brethren Richard le Noreys the cellarer and Nicholas the precentor, for the above purpose. Dated in the chapter of Bath, Wednesday before Palm Sunday the same year.

R.I. f. 82.

Petition of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to King H[enry III], notifying the death of William bishop of Bath and Wells, and their right of election jointly with the prior and convent of Bath, to be carried by Master Godfrey Giffard and Master Richard de Bamfeld two of the canons with Richard le Noreys the cellarer and John de Reding monks of Bath, praying his licence to elect. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Friday before Palm Sunday 1264.

R.I. f. 82.

Citation by W. prior of Bath and the convent to the dean and chapter of Wells to assemble by proctors with their own proctors at Fernton on St. Mark's day and fix a day for the election of a bishop. Dated in the chapter of Bath, the morrow of St. George 1264.

R.I. f. 82.

Proxy of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to W. prior of Bath and the convent, in favour of Master Roger de Sapwyk and Sir Gilbert de Sarr' canons of Wells, to meet at Fernton on St. Mark's day for that purpose. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Thursday before St. Mark 1264.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Letters patent of King H[enry III] granting licence to the dean and chapter of Wells and the prior and convent of Bath, at the prayer of Master Godfrey Giffard and Richard de Bamfeld canons

of Wells, Richard le Noreys and John de Rading monks of Bath, to elect a bishop after the death of bishop William. Tested at Notyngham, 15 April 48 Henry III.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Proxy of W. prior of Bath and the convent, addressed to E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, in favour of Gilbert the subprior and Nicholas the precentor, to meet at Fernton on St. Mark's day, as above. Dated in the chapter of Bath, Thursday before St. Mark 1264.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Memorandum that Master Roger de Sapwyk and Gilbert de Sarr' canons of Wells proctors of the dean and chapter, Gilbert de Dunstorr the subprior and Nicholas the precentor of Bath proctors of the prior and convent, met at Fernthon on St. Mark's day 1264 to fix a day for the joint election of a bishop in the church of Wells, and agreed upon Thursday after St. Dunstan. Sealed by the proctors.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Commission by Walter prior of Bath and the convent, Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, in session in the chapter of Wells on Thursday after St. Dunstan to treat about the election of a bishop, to Edward the dean, William the archdeacon, John the subdean, and Richard the succentor of Wells, Gilbert de Dunstorr the subprior, Martin de Anna, John de Reding and Th[omas] de Anna monks of Bath to elect a bishop 'of the bosom or college of their said churches.' Dated in the chapter of Wells, the day aforesaid 1264.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Formal declaration by the dean of Wells that in May 1264, in the reign of Henry [III], on Thursday after St. Dunstan, namely xi kal. June, the churches of Bath and Wells being destitute of a pastor by the death of bishop William, his body being first committed to the tomb, and a day fixed by the prior and convent of Bath the dean and chapter of Wells to elect in the chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, Gilbert de Dunstorr subprior, Martin de Anna, John de Reding and Thomas de Anna monks of Bath commissioners of the prior and convent, Edward dean of Wells, William archdeacon, John subdean, and Richard succentor of Wells commissioners of the chapter agreed upon Master Walter Giffard the pope's subdeacon and chaplain a canon of Wells; and decreeing the said Walter bishop elect. Sealed by both chapters.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Citation by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to Hugh de Mot' one of the canons, to be present in the conventual church of Bath on St. Scolastica's day iv id. February, to treat of the

election of a bishop, Walter Giffard being translated to York, and the king's licence obtained. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iii id. January 1266.

R.I. f. 82*d*.

Formal declaration of the election of Walter Giffard, in the names of the eight commissioners, dated as above.

R.I. f. 83.

Petition of the dean and chapter of Wells (by the dean and Master William le Rus one of the canons) to King H[enry III] notifying their election jointly with the prior and convent of Bath of Walter Giffard as bishop, and praying his assent. Dated Wells, x kal. June 1264.

R.I. f. 83.

Similar petition (by William le Rus canon of Wells and clerk of the church of Bath and Master Robert de Phangfoss clerk) to B. archbishop of Canterbury primate of England, stating the circumstances of the election, and praying his confirmation. Dated Wells, x kal. June 1264.

R.I. f. 83.

Similar petition (by Master Godfrey Giffard canon of Wells and Robert de Phangfoss clerk) to Pope Urban for his confirmation. Dated Wells, x kal. June 1264.

R.I. f. 83*d*.

Confirmation by B. archbishop of Canterbury, dated St. Cloud, Saturday after the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1264.

R.I. f. 83*d*.

Institution by Giles bishop of Salisbury of Geoffrey de Merkesbury chaplain to the vicarage of Bokland in that diocese, on the presentation of William de Button canon of Wells and rector thereof, being sworn to reside according to the new constitution of Ottobonus: to have his portion in all oblations to the church and dependent chapels and in all small tithes of the parish (Glastonbury manor excepted), a manse with curtilage and meadow adjoining, while the great tithes, mortuaries, and small tithes of Glastonbury manor, the rectory manse and demesne lands of the church are assigned to the rector and his successors. Dated Poterne, xiv kal. April 9 (*sic*) bishop Giles.

R.I, f. 83*d*. The episcopate of Giles de Bridport lasted about 6 years, 1256-62.

Inspeximus by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated in chapter, v kal. November 1265, of a bull of Pope Urban IV with dispensation to Nicholas son of Nicholas rector of Dokemerefeud, Winchester diocese, to hold two other benefices with cure of souls together with the same, provided they be not defrauded of due services; dated Orvieto (*apud urbem veterem*) vi kal. March 2 Pope Urban.

R.I. f. 84.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated viii id. June 1266, to a grant made by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells to Randolf called the parker for his service of one virgate of land in the town of Westburi which John le Smok're held with a messuage etc., also 3 acres of meadow called overland, and 2 acres of arable land for oats in two fields which are likewise overland, to hold to Randolf and his heirs of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 15*s.* payable quarterly for all demands, saving suit of the bishop's courts of Wells and Westburi, and fencing of his park of Westburi as other free men of the town are bound to do: relief 30*s.* at each succession: grantee and his heirs may not pledge the land to Jews, nor convey to men of religion: witnessed by Sir William Giffard, Sir Richard de la More, Sir Philip de Wyk, Master William de Bosinton and Gilbert de Sarr' canons of Wells, Master Alexander de la Cnoll, Sir Richard le Brun, Richard London, Adam Canun.

R.I. f. 84.

Inspeximus and consent, dated vii id. August 1267, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, to an appropriation made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Robert abbot of Glastonbury and the convent of the churches of Dulting and Est brente, already of their patronage, after the death or cession of the then rectors, saving portions for the vicarages of the said churches for their support and the maintenance of episcopal and other charges, and all pensions, (the bishop's, archdeacon's and other customs and dues being apportioned between the convent and the vicars,) and payment of 40*s.* yearly to the archdeacon in lieu of sequestrations upon vacancies, whereof 2 marks shall be payable by the archdeacon to the warden of the fabric of the church of Wells: dated vii kal. August 1267.

R.I. f. 84. Compare Adam de Domerham. i. 259.

Inspeximus and assent, dated iii id. April the same year, by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Thomas de Button canon of Wells, upon resigning the office of precentor, of a yearly pension of 20*l.* from the bishop's chamber, payable half yearly at Wells, until he be provided with a benefice of equal value; dated March 1268.

R.I. f. 84*d.*

Inspeximus and assent, dated iii id. April 1268, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, to a grant made by Walter late bishop of Bath and Wells to Robert Walerond, for his homage and service, of the wood in Pokeleschurch next the grantee's park of Siston to increase the said park, to hold to him and his heirs of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 1*d.* at Michaelmas, with warranty; witnessed by William Giffard, John de Chiverel, John de Grymstede, Thomas de Sancto Vigore, John son of William, Roger de Clifton, Thomas de Daenton, Maurice de Salso Marisco.

R.I. f. 84*d.*

Bond of Geoffrey de Brideport to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter for 100*s*. yearly payable in the church of Wells of the land of Kerchel towards the maintenance of four priests vicars of the church of Wells, so that they perform two daily masses for the souls of Dame Agatha de Meysi and her ancestors, Geoffrey de Brideport, Margery his wife etc. in the chapel of St. Mary on the south side of the great church of Wells for ever, secured upon lands in Kerchel granted him by the said Agatha ; grantor or his heirs to present. Witnesses: Philip de Button, Laurence de Cumpton, Richard de London the dean's steward, Richard de Dultincote, John Annore burgesses of Wells, John de Mourton, William de la Cnolle, Geoffrey de Lucy. Dated Wells, Wednesday after Palm Sunday 1268.

(In margin : ' Brideport, *set nunc* Chideok.')

R.I. f. 84*d*. : III. f. 130*d*. See original deed No. 95.

Ordinance of William bishop of Bath and Wells whereby, a question having arisen between E[dward] dean of Wells and Richard de Bamfeld canon of Wells touching a yearly payment of 6 marks from the church of Merk, (which Richard claims as due to his prebend, while the dean claims that he and his successors should be freed thereof,) considering the poverty of the prebends of Wells, and also the burden upon the rector of Dogmerefeld (of his own patronage) touching a yearly pension of 20*s*. to the prebend which the said Richard holds, and for his affection to the church of Merk which he lately dedicated, and to its rectors the deans of Wells, he makes the chapel of Dinre (wherein he has the advowson) a prebend of the church of Wells, and assigns the same to the said Richard, to enter upon any vacancy occurring, saving to himself and his successors after the death or cession of the said Richard the appointment of the prebendary ; and the said pensions of 6 marks from the church of Merk and 20*s*. from that of Dogemerefeld shall cease ; and whereas the parishioners of Dinre are buried at the mother church of St. Cuthbert Wells, by their consent and that of John vicar of St. Cuthbert, because canons of cathedral churches have to reside therein and are thus removed from the cure of souls in parish churches, such cure of souls shall remain with the vicar aforesaid, and the said Richard and his successors shall present a chaplain, to be maintained at their charges, and to swear fealty to the said vicar and his successors, who shall receive of the fruits of the said chapel one quarter of wheat and 8 bushels of good oats yearly at Christmas by the hand of the prebendary, saving to the vicar all he has been heretofore used to receive, and to the dean and chapter tithes and other rights in the parish of the said chapel. Dated in the chapter of Wells, ii non. April 1268.

R.I. f. 85.

Bond of Thomas de Vitery to Sir Reginald Scori vicar of Wells for 4*s*. yearly during his life payable quarterly, for houses granted by him in the new street of Wells between the tenement of Thomas the weaver and that late of William Buche, and after his death

for 4*s*. yearly payable to the communar on the obit of the said Reginald by the said Thomas his heirs and assigns, to be divided among the clerks serving in the church of Wells towards an anniversary. Witnesses : John de Hereford, Ralph de Lullington, Adam de la More canons of Wells, Richard of London, Roger Eustace, John Mogge, Richard de Dultincote, Adam Canun, William Blundel.

R.I. f. 85*d*.

Grant and sale by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Cecily who was wife of Robert de Mere of the custody and marriage of Simon son and heir of the said Robert in Northcuri, or in case of his death, of the brother or sister who shall be next heir, in consideration of 10 marks. Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. Alban's day 1268.

R.I. f. 85*d*.

Bond of Walter de Lechelade succentor of Wells to pay yearly on St. Faith's day 2*s*. 6*d*. to the communar of St. Andrew towards the obit of Reginald Scori vicar of Wells, and 2*s*. to the guardian of the altar of St. Mary to maintain one wax candle, of a rent of 4*s*. 9*d*. which William de Wedmore vicar of Wells bought of Sir Philip de Wyke, issuing from houses between the churchyard of St. Cuthbert and the houses of Robert Long the weaver, and granted to the said Walter and his successors for that the said houses are of the fee of the succentor. Dated Wells, Thursday after the translation of St. Thomas M. 1268.

R.I. f. 85*d*.

Bond of Robert prior of Berliz of the order of St. Augustine and the college or convent to pay for the soul of Hugh de Rumenal late treasurer of Wells 100*s*. yearly in the church of Wells at Easter and Michaelmas, (subject to a penalty of 20*s*. towards the fabric of the church of Wells,) 50*s*. towards the maintenance of two chaplains, vicars of the church of Wells, to celebrate in the said church for ever according to the yearly appointment of the dean and chapter at Michaelmas, 3*s*. 4*d*. towards the lights and ornaments, and 26*s*. 8*d*. towards his anniversary ; the executors of the said Hugh having provided 200 marks with which they have procured the advowson of the church of Wynesford, 100*s*. yearly rents in villenage and half a virgate of land in that manor ; undertaking further to perform a solemn service in their choir on iii non. March for ever with *placebo* and *dirige*, and provide a pittance of 4*s*. that day to be divided between them and the poor. Sealed by the convent, William bishop of Bath and Wells and his official. Dated Wells, vi id. November 1268.

R.I. f. 86, repeated f. 88*d*.. III. f. 130*d*. Compare original deed No. 96.

Bond of the bishop, dean and chapter of Wells to pay O. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata* a yearly pension of 100 marks of good new and lawful sterling (13*s*. 4*d*. every mark) payable in

London at Michaelmas to his proctors, until a dignity, parsonage or benefices of equal value be provided, or for his life. Dated Wells, viii id. January 1268.

R.I. f. 86*d*.

Bond of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, whereas the dean and chapter of Wells at his request have become bound with him to Octovian cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata* for payment of 100 marks yearly, to pay the said sum to the said cardinal or his proctor at the New Temple London yearly at Michaelmas, and to save harmless the dean and chapter. Dated Wells, vii id. January 1268.

R.I. f. 86*d*.

Gift by Richard de Bamfeld canon of Wells to St. Andrew and the dean and chapter of Wells of the land and meadow with houses etc. which he had of the gift of Walter Magot of Wells in Wokihole, namely 14 acres to be sown yearly in one field and 13 acres in another, with a great sheepfold, and 2½ acres of meadow to be mown yearly; also the land and meadow which he had of the said Walter in Wells and Dultingcote, namely in one field 16½ acres to be sown yearly, in another 15½ acres, with 2 acres of arable land in Wells field, one called Carswell acre and one near the highway leading to Hornygdone (*Horyngdon), with 6½ acres to be mown yearly in the meadows of Dultingcote and one acre of meadow near Carswell acre; also 1 mark yearly rent of houses belonging to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells which the vicar has of his gift, 8*s*. of houses adjoining those of William Fellard on the east side, half a mark of Richard son of Peter de Fonte in Touk'stre street (*Towkerstrete), and 3*s*. of the houses of Ralph de Meryeth in the same street; also his houses at the head of the new street on the west side: to hold in frank almoin at a yearly rent of 4*d*. to the bishop from the last houses, 50*s*. to two priests vicars of the church of Wells alternately celebrating a daily mass for the souls of the grantor's father and mother, of William bishop of Bath and Wells, of William provost of Cumbe and of the grantor at the altar of St. Edmund Conf. in the nave (by which he has by leave of the dean and chapter chosen his place of burial), and 3*s*. 4*d*. towards the maintenance of two wax candles to burn during such mass, and of the vestments and ornaments of the said altar, also 8*s*. 4*d*. to divide among 200 poor ashamed to beg, on iii non. Oct. during his life (or if that day fall on Saturday or Sunday on the Friday before) and after his decease on his anniversary, by the communar and the said two priests, who shall have for their labour 12*d*.; the dean and chapter paying the communar 10*s*. to be shared among the canons and other clerks present at the high mass of the Holy Spirit or (after his death) at the service of the dead on the day named, 6*s*. towards a wax candle to burn before the rood in the nave, after the second ringing for matins nightly until matins be said, also paying the vicar guardian of the altar of St. Mary in the said church on St. Andrew's day 4*s*. towards the maintenance of one mortar to burn nightly before the same

to the sacrist 6*d*. and the subsacrist 2*d*. for sounding the gong on his anniversary and lighting and putting out the said candle and mortar; the vicars to be presented by the grantor or his proctor during his life, afterwards by the dean and chapter. If in any year all cannot be fulfilled, the obit or lights first to be withdrawn, but the mass in any case to be celebrated: any surplus to pious uses. The said mass to be celebrated daily before the commencement of the mass or hours at the altar of the Virgin. The said priests to collect the rents under a penalty of 1*lb*. of wax towards the light of the high altar in case of any neglect. Warranty clause. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Wyke, Philip de Button, Walter le Flemyng, Richard de London, Richard de Dultingcote, Thomas le Fronc, John de Cerde, Peter de Wodeford, Richard Strecch.

R.I. f. 87: III. f. 125.

Grant indented by W. dean of Wells and the chapter to John de Ho their vicar of 14 acres of arable land in one field and 13 acres in another at Wokyhole, with one sheepfold and 2½ acres of meadow, which they had of the gift and feoffment of Richard de Bamfeld, at a yearly rent of 16*s*. towards the service of St. Eadmund's altar for four years, after which time the said John shall pay yearly during his life, so long as he will hold the said land of them, 18*s*. as above, and keep the sheepfold in repair: in presence (with the dean) of W. archdeacon of Wells, Th. archdeacon of Bath, P. the bishop's official, W. the succentor of Wells, W. de Welington, J. de Wynburn, R. de Gloucestria, H. de Ponte canons. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iii kal. April 1294.

R.I. (bound between ff. 87 and 88).

xvii kal. December 1268. Statute made in presence of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, that every year at these terms all canons wishing to be counted as resident that year shall appear personally in chapter, or by proctors if unavoidably absent. to view the quarter's accounts etc., namely the morrow of the Circumcision, April 2, July 2, October 1.

R.I. f. 87*d*.: II. f. 50*d*.

Bond of John de Button provost of Cumba in the church ef Wells, (reciting the bond of W. bishop of Bath and Wells with the dean and chapter for payment of an annual pension of 100 marks to O. cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in Via Lata*,) to pay the said pension to the said cardinal or his proctor in London at Michaelmas; also to cause the dean and chapter to have an acquittance for each payment, and to save them harmless. Dated Wells, id. January 1268.

R.I. f. 88.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated ii non. March the same year, to a licence granted by William bishop of Bath and Wells, by consent of the dean and chapter, to whom the church belongs, and of the vicar thereof, to Richard de Wygornia knight, in consequence of his distance from

the parish church of Lydiard, to have divine service celebrated in an oratory within his court of Wik for himself, his wife, children, household and guests, and for his heirs similarly, to the exclusion of all other parishioners, by a chaplain to be maintained at his own charges, receiving holy water and holy bread but no other sacraments or things pertaining to sacraments there: any gifts or oblations made to the chaplain to be paid by him to the vicar; he shall accept no anniversaries, trentals, or mass pennies; and first he shall be presented to the dean and chapter and to the vicar, and swear fealty, and to attempt nothing to their prejudice on pain of suspension and interdict: the persons above mentioned to present or send their accustomed oblations to the church at the four principal feasts at least. Dated Woky, iv kal. March 1268.

R.I. f. 88.

Inspeximus and acquittance by the king, dated Westminster, 12 April 53 Henry III, of an account (under seal of Master Walter Scamel treasurer of Salisbury, collector of the tenth granted to the king by the papal see in divers dioceses) rendered by Edward dean of Wells and Thomas precentor of Wells, collectors in the diocese of Bath and Wells, for the first year, before Walter treasurer of Salisbury, Peter de Wynton and Giles de Audenard auditors, of 334*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* received and delivered, 9*l.* 15*s.* 11½*d.* the tenth of certain parsons not paying, whose names have been given to the bishop to levy the same, 10*l.* 16*s.* which cannot be levied of churches of hospitallers, templars, monks of the Cistercian order, the abbot of Bec, and a certain cardinal, who are privileged, 1 mark of the church of Lutton which is of Walter de Merton who has compounded, and 6*l.* 8*s.* for three churches of Boniface de Foliano acquitted by the legate: total 362*l.* 4*s.* 4½*d.*

R.I. f. 88*d.*

Faculty granted by W. bishop of Bath and Wells, by assent of the dean and chapter, to Nicholas treasurer of Wells to attend the schools for three years in order to study theology. Sealed by the bishop and the chapter. Dated Dogmer[esfeld], x kal. August 3 bishop W[illiam].

R.I. f. 89.

Leave of absence granted by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Nicholas son of Nicholas the treasurer for five years for the purpose of study, and petition to bishop W. on his behalf. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. James Ap. 1269.

R.I. f. 89.

Submission by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, patrons of the church of Stok'gummer in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Thomas Makerel rector of the same, to the award of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, Robert abbot of Glastonbury, the dean, and Master Thomas archdeacon of Wells, concerning a dispute between them. Dated Wells, the morrow of St. Jerome 1270.

R.I. f. 89 (a defective copy f. 3*d.*).

Gift by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Roger Hubet (*Huzet) for his homage and service of a messuage with curtilage, 5 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow in Northcury, formerly of Wymarc his mother, in exchange for 6 acres and one piece of land and 1 acre of meadow in Hunteham (*'late of Thomas Micheldever,' in margin) which they have of him in almoin, to hold to Roger and his heirs of grantors and their successors at a yearly rent of 4*s*. payable quarterly for all demands, saving suit of their hundred and court of Northcury and the king's service. Witnesses: Richard de London, Geoffrey de la Slo, William Gyan, Laurence de Fonte, Walter Hundr', Walter le Frye, Richard le Fric. Dated in chapter, St. Valentine's day 1272.

R.I. f. 89*d*.: III. f. 23*d*. (where the words * are found).

Bond of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to the prior and convent of Berliz in 100 marks payable at Wells at Easter next for a yearly rent of 5 marks bought of them. Dated St. Nicholas' day 1273.

R.I. f. 89*d*.

Bond of Robert prior of Berliz and the canons to pay 26 marks yearly to the communar in the name of the dean and chapter in the church of Wells, namely on the Nativity of St. John 4½ marks, on kal. Sept. 8 marks, and on St. Andrew's day 13½ marks, in respect of 520 marks advanced them by the bishop, the dean and chapter, and the executors of John de Button the elder provost of Cumba, wherewith they purchased the manor of Morba, offered for sale by Robert Burnel archdeacon of York, (of which manor they used to receive 100*s*. a year, and held the parish church to their own use, but the said R. so long as he held it ceased to pay such rent, and threatened them if they presented to the church;) 6 marks thereof to be expended for the soul of William bishop of Bath and Wells, 15 marks for that of the said provost, 2½ marks towards the anniversary of Matthew de Stratton archdeacon of Buckingham, 2 marks towards that of Henry de Bratton (Bracton), and half a mark towards that of Adam de Gissich late canon of Wells, among the clerks then present: secured especially upon the fruits of their churches of Brumpton, Wynesford and Hulleferun, with a penalty of 3 marks to the fabric of the church of Wells for default. Dated the vigil of St. Nicholas 1273.

R.I. f. 89*d*.: III. f. 176*d*.

Gift by William de Button bishop of Bath and Wells, heir of John de Button late provost of Cumba in the church of Wells, to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors in frank almoin, of all the service of Thomas de Button his brother and his successors archdeacons of Wells due to the bishop and his heirs of the tenement which the said archdeacon has of the said bishop's feoffment in Middelton, saving 10 marks yearly to be paid in the said church for the souls of the bishop's uncles William de Button his predecessor and the said John for ever. Witnesses: Sir Richard de la More, Sir Adam de Button knights, Philip de

Button, Richard de London, Walter de Sutton, William called le Gyw de Wyvelescumbe, Adam Canun, Thomas de Hanum, William de Hanum. Dated St. Matthew 1273.

R.I. f. 90: III. f. 188.

Petition of Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to King Edward [I] for licence to elect a bishop jointly with the prior and convent of Bath upon the death of bishop William, sent by Henry de Monteforti and Master Robert de Braundone two of the canons, with John the precentor of Bath and Thomas de Wynton monks of Bath. Dated in the chapter of Wells, id. December 1274.

R.I. f. 90*d*.

Licence of King Edward [I] to the dean and chapter to elect jointly with the prior and convent of Bath. Dated Oueston', 20 December 3 Edward I.

R.I. f. 90*d*. Pat. *Cal*. p. 74.

Summons by W. prior of Bath and the convent to E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to meet by their proctors at Fernh' on Holy Innocents' day and fix a day for the election. Dated in the chapter of Bath, St. Stephen's day 1274.

R.I. f. 90*d*.

Proxy by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to the prior and convent of Bath, in favour of Master Henry de Esse and William de Welyngton canons to meet at Fernton (as above). Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. John Ev. 1274.

R.I. f. 90*d*.

Memorandum that on St. Gregory's day 1291 the farm of Lovinton and Modeford was granted to Master Henry Huse chancellor of Wells, the deanery being vacant, in presence of the precentor, W. de Welinton, Hugh Everard, John de Wymborn, and Walter Burnel canons of Wells.

R.I. f. 90*d*.

Letter from E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to R. bishop elect of Bath and Wells, after receiving a form of accord between him and the monks of Glastonbury brought by Master W. the subdean and Master Philip de Staunton canons, stating after full consideration that so many agreements had been made, the provisions of which though enforced by the authority of courts ecclesiastical and secular did not hold good, that they could not but fear the future machinations of the other party, and possible objections (as in the summary to be exhibited by the bearers); but if these can be obviated, they would be glad that the accord should proceed.

(Summary of objections, endorsed on the above.)

Touching the form of accord, it may be feared that the contract between you and the king touching the exchange of the patronage

of the monastery of Glastonbury for the city of Bath may be unlawful, a mere temporality being given for an annexed spirituality, wherefore if the business is to proceed, it should be well debated whether it be better to make mention of the exchange, or that a simple grant be made on either side, as is said to be done in like cases, having regard both to an ecclesiastical and a civil court.

Touching the contract between you and the monks, it may be feared that this may be unlawful, because, though that be not expressly contained in the letter, the monks may be consenting to the remise of the manors solely with the intention and upon condition that he whom they name abbot may retain the prelacy upon your withdrawing from the suit and making agreement.

It seems that before all the patronage must be fully restored to you, especially since the writing of agreement between you and the monks contains a clause that 'if it happen for you to demise the patronage' etc., and you cannot demise what you do not hold; and further objection also may be made to you or your successors by the king's heirs that you have demised nothing to the king for the city of Bath, because at the time of the exchange he held both the city and the patronage aforesaid.

Since as above suggested the abbot's chief aim is to keep his estate, it may be feared that, when the temporalities have been committed to him, he may choose to repudiate the agreement, even if a penalty should be incurred, especially because he was not in possession at the time of the agreement, and may seem not to be bound to the promise so made, and with the usual safeguards may be seeking means of escape, so that by delaying the business it may be hindered or annulled by the papal court or otherwise: whereof it seems a manifest proof that he is pressing with all his power for a diminution of the penalty attached.

Because the exchange, as aforesaid, does not seem lawful, and at another time the court was consulted by William the first, your predecessor, when he received a precise answer that it might not be done, lest a spirituality which had come to the hands of a prelate should return again to lay ownership; let it be ascertained whether this can safely be done without consulting the court, especially since our rivals would gladly accuse us if they could, or defame us by secret denunciation.

Since there is in the court a cause against the abbot touching his election, as he has acknowledged, and in the new constitution there is a plain provision that a cause effectively presented in the court may not be withdrawn without the pope's licence, let provision be made that we be not brought within the terms of this so recent constitution.

Since your predecessor's official inhibited the monks of Glastonbury from proceeding to an election without craving his licence to elect, and giving satisfaction for divers wrongs done him by them, otherwise pronouncing sentence of excommunication upon them, there is no doubt that the said John is excommunicate, who has procured his election contrary to such interdict, as the act of the

archbishop of Canterbury makes evident, who has quashed his election for the said cause; wherefore it seems well to abstain altogether either from a contract or from any communication with him.

R.I. f. 90 (schedule).

Commission by Walter prior of Bath and the convent, Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, sitting in the chapter of Wells on the morrow of St. Vincent 1274 for the election of a bishop, to Richard subprior of Bath, Martin de Donesterre, Matthew de Donesterre, [John or Robert] de Redyng, Thomas de Wynton, Richard de Chermbury and John the precentor monks of Bath, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Henry de Monteforti, Master Constantine, Master Philip de Stanton, William the subdean, Robert de Braundon and Roger de Cruk canons of Wells to elect *per viam compromissi.*

R.I. f. 91: II. f. 1*d.*, where Matthew de Donesterre is omitted (no doubt erroneously), and Robert (not John) de Radinge is read.

January 1274, in the reign of Edward [I], on the morrow of St. Vincent, x kal. Feb. Declaration by Thomas archdeacon of Wells, in the name of himself and the commissioners above named (Martin being styled prior of Donesterre, Matthew de Dunsterre and Robert de Radinge, but not John included), that they have elected Robert Burnel canon of Wells.

R.I. f. 91: II. f. 1*d.*

Same date. Decree of the prior and convent of Bath the dean and chapter of Wells, reciting the death and burial of William late bishop of Bath and Wells, the king's licence, and their agreement to elect *per viam compromissi*, and embodying the above declaration.

R.I. f. 91: II. f. 2.

Petition of Walter prior of Bath and the convent, E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, to R. archbishop of Canterbury, notifying the election of Robert Burnel as bishop, and praying his confirmation, with proxy to William the subdean and Henry Aky rector of Luttleton for the dean and chapter, Thomas de Wynton a monk and Master Walter de Bathonia for the convent, for that purpose. Dated Wells, ix kal. Feb. 1274.

R.I. f. 91*d.*

Petition of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to the king, notifying that they have jointly with the prior and convent of Bath elected Robert Burnel as bishop, and (by their subdean, H. de Monteforti, and Master Philip de Stanton canons) praying his assent. Same date.

R.I. f. 91*d.*

Declaration by Robert archbishop of Canterbury and primate, whereas during the vacancy of the churches of Bath and Wells by the death of bishop William, the proctor of the prior and

convent of Glastonbury in that diocese craved his confirmation of their election of John de Tanton one of the monks as abbot, and he gave his commission to Master William de Middelton his official therein, and if the election were quashed to provide a fit person, and the said official had quashed the said election (not for defect of the person but of the election) and provided the same John, to whom the archbishop had afterwards given his blessing; at the request of Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, fearing future prejudice to him and his successors when the see should not be vacant, that he and they are not and ought not to be so prejudiced, but can henceforward as before exercise their jurisdiction in the said monastery. Dated Lambeth, ii kal. May 1275.

R.I. f. 91*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 270.

Demise by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter Burnel for life of the houses wherein he dwells with curtilage Biestewalle in the street leading to the Tor, at a yearly rent of 6*s*. payable to the communar on viii kal. Febr., towards an obit for Sir Richard de Button late precentor, subject to repairs.

R.I. f. 92.

Ordinance of the executors of Hugh de Rominal treasurer of Wells, by the counsel of the dean and chapter, that the succentor for the time being shall be guardian (under the dean and chapter) of all goods belonging to the morning mass established by them in the church of Wells, and shall deliver yearly to the chaplain celebrating the same 6 marks at the four principal terms for his stipend and his clerk's, and for finding a light at the same, retaining the surplus for his labour and for the preservation of the ornaments, and shall appoint or remove the said chaplain, and present him to the dean and chapter. The goods belonging to this chantry are: 40*s*. rent at Laverton, 20*s*. rent of the house of Bilesw....., half a virgate of land at Dynre, 16 acres of land with 2½ acres of meadow in Doultingcote, two houses in Wells paying —*s*. rent.

R.I. f. 92 (slightly defective).

In May 1277 the church of Lidiard was to farm let by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter de Lechelade succentor of Wells for his life for 35 marks a year payable quarterly to the communar, bearing all the ordinary charges of the church, but the dean and chapter will recognise extraordinary charges, and maintaining the chancel and the houses belonging to the church, first to be put in repair by the executors of Richard de Button late precentor the last farmer. Note, that none of the church land was fallow when the farm was taken over, but the said Walter has fallowed the whole at his charges.

R.I. f. 92*d*.

Memorandum dated Wednesday, St. Boneface' day 1314, that in the chapter of Wells, in presence of the dean, the precentor, the subdean, the succentor, John de Brwton, Master Thomas de Heselschawe, Master William de Lauton, William de Burne and

William de Cherleton, Master Anthony de Bradenei appeared in person, and being asked to give back a letter in his custody touching the appropriation of the church of Hamtone, answered that about the beginning of May last he gave back the letter to a minister of the church of Wells; and because he feared to incur expense and damage on that account, the dean and chapter undertook to save him harmless.

R.I. f. 92*d*.

The church of Wells, anciently called *Fontanensis* and at times Tudingtun, was the only cathedral in that bishopric, and the right of electing a bishop, who was styled *episcopus Fontanensis* and *Wellensis*, was wholly in the church and canons of Wells, until the time of bishop John; and he, after election by the canons of Wells, not the monks, fixed his cathedral in the monastery of Bath, where are monks and have always been, calling himself thenceforth bishop of Bath, and every bishop has since been so styled, and this without consent of the canons of Wells. Pope Alexander III confirmed to the canons their ancient right of electing, so that on the vacancy of the see they and the monks of Bath should meet and jointly elect a bishop, the dean of Wells should make the declaration, and the person elect should be presented to the archbishop (see original instrument and copy sealed by three bishops). Subsequently, without notice to the canons, the monks alone elected Savaricus, and sent him to Rome for consecration. But on his death the canons recovered their joint right at the election of bishop Jocelin last deceased, xiii id. December 1242 (see the accord between the church of Wells and monastery of Bath, the decree of election sealed by both churches, and copies sealed by three bishops etc.), in contravention whereof the prior and convent of Bath are striving to exclude the dean and chapter; for after the death of bishop Jocelin and his burial in the church of Wells, the chapter sent proctors to Bath moving them to join in sending to the king in Gascony for licence to elect jointly, and appealed to the papal see against any attempt to act without them; but the monks drew them into protracted negotiations, and pending these sent secretly to the king and obtained his licence (which the king nevertheless granted saving the right of the church of Wells,) and thereupon sent the canons a summons to join them on Friday after the Purification and proceed to elect, while protesting against their right. The canons instead, taking exception to such short notice, sent proctors to appeal against any election attempted without them, while they were ready to proceed, as the accord provided, at a reasonable time: the proctors were refused admission to the convent, but lodged the appeal, and an appeal against such refusal; and again next day in the church, before the monks proceeded to elect, and before the prior and others entered the chapter, when the king's licence was read in English by Master Osmund the monks' clerk (who suppressed the words 'saving the right of the church of Wells'); also against sentence of excommunication pronounced by the precentor upon all hindering the election: appeal was also made against the refusal of all con-

ference with the proctors, or even with three archdeacons sent to treat with the monks. (To be considered in court whether this clause should be inserted or suppressed.) But the prior and convent offered to permit their entrance to join in the election, under protest, their voices to count if they had the right to take part in it, otherwise not: but this was refused, on the ground that the canons present were not summoned for the purpose, or if they were, other canons not present were not, nor could be in the time, and without them it was impossible to proceed, and that they had not agreed upon the time and place, as laid down in the accord. The monks nevertheless, in contempt of them, their objections, and the appeal, proceeded to elect Master Roger precentor of Salisbury, and to proclaim his election; and on their part appeal was made against that election and the person elect. The chapter also sent immediately to him signifying all the proceedings, and copies of the instruments, that he might not assent to his election, and appealed against any such assent: nevertheless he did assent. When the monks sent proctors for the king's assent, the chapter sent proctors to signify their objections, praying him to withhold his assent, whom the king received favourably. Lastly on the return of these proctors with the king's licence to the chapter to elect, saving the right of the church of Bath, they called a special chapter (form of summons, dated xii kal. May 1243), and summoned Thomas prior of Bath and the convent (summons, same date) to join in the election in their church of Wells on the morrow of the Trinity, or meet them at Ferentun on the vigil of St. Philip and St. James to fix the place of election. The monks did not appear; and at their special chapter the canons resolved not to proceed with the election until the election of Master Roger should be quashed, especially in view of their appeal to the papal see.

R.I. ff. 93, 94.

Memorandum that the dean and chapter of Wells have letters of Pope Nicholas II, addressed to the clergy of Wells, stating that he has ordained as priest Giso whom they have elected their bishop: letters of Pope Alexander, addressed to the dean and chapter, mentioning that they have elected R. archdeacon of Salisbury: letters of Pope Alexander confirming to the dean and chapter and to the church of Wells their canonical customs, liberties and immunities, and the elections of their bishops, as they had them for 200 years, to the time of bishop John who established his see in the church of Bath, so that the chapter and the monks of Bath should meet and jointly elect, and the dean proclaim the election: a composition between the churches of Bath and Wells touching the joint election of a bishop: a proxy of the convent of Bath touching the joint election upon the last vacancy, and the like addressed to the king: a proxy of the chapter at the same time: the decree of election made jointly by proctors of both chapters: approval of the prior and the whole convent touching such joint election, signed by the monks: a similar writing with signatures, addressed to the archbishop:

approval of the dean and chapter, addressed to the pope, with signatures of the monks: letters of the joint election of bishop Jocelin last deceased, and letters of nearly all the bishops under their seals addressed to Pope Innocent, and of the king's assent: similar letters addressed to J. cardinal deacon of [St. Mary] *in Via Lata* and papal legate: letters of King John addressed to Pope Innocent and the said legate, and of his assent: letters of the said king absolving the bishop elect from reckonings of the court, addressed to the said pope and cardinal (the see of Canterbury being vacant). Of all these the dean has a copy under the seals of three bishops.

R.I. f. 94.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to John Sarr[acenus] the dean, praying him to insist that four articles reserved in the papal letters may be decided in favour of Wells, leaving it to him either to obtain a commission thereon and return at once to England (after making presents to the pope and their other friends), or to remain there, not sparing expense in obtaining for them friends in the court and in getting the victory over their adversaries, according to the text "Make unto yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness," with acknowledgment of his services. Done on Monday before St. Matthew. Salutation by John Odeline.

R.I. f. 94*d*.

The dean and chapter request that, after inspection of the above, a petition be drawn up to bring the whole cause before the court of Rome, and quash the election by the monks of Bath of Master Roger precentor of Salisbury: that the sole right of election be restored to the church and canons of Wells for ever, as of old; or at least for this turn, and for the future by sentence, accord or ordinance between the two churches turn and turn about (first turn, if possible, for Wells): or that the canons of Wells and monks of Bath should elect jointly, first in the church of Wells, next in the monastery of Bath, and so turn and turn about: or that a third indifferent place* be assigned by the pope to meet for joint elections, provided that such place acquire thereby no right of election: or at least that the cause be committed wholly for decision to discreet men learned in the law outside England, such as the dean and chancellor of Paris or others, because of the power of the English nobles who meddle in every election, whereby all the churches of England incur grave perils and losses: or else that the parties be summoned to the court of Rome by a set term to appear by proctors, and the dispute be finally put to rest by the pope's sentence.

R.I. f. 94*d*. * As to this alternative, see the next entry.

Indifferent places should be named: not conventual churches, but parish churches only: Nortun Canonicorum, Ferentun, Witechireche, Dultinges, Chiutun, Stonestun.

R.I. f. 95 (margin).

It is plain that, until the time of John bishop of Wells, the right of election resided in the dean and chapter of Wells, and they alone enjoyed it: but John, after his election by the canons of Wells, established his see in the church of Bath. Pope Alexander III confirmed to the canons of Wells their ancient right, adding to them the monks of Bath to join in the election, so that the dean of Wells should, according to the ancient custom of the church, declare the election, and present the person elect to the archbishop. From this it appears that the pope meant the church of Wells to have the chief place in the election. If it be said that they alone elected Savaricus, in the absence of the canons of Wells, whom the pope confirmed and consecrated, whereby the canons of Wells lost possession of the election: it may be answered that even so, if that were not done surreptitiously, the canons of Wells returned to possession thereof by electing bishop Joceline jointly with the prior and convent of Bath, which is shewn by the composition between the churches of Wells and Bath sealed by both churches. And all this is shewn by the testimony of the king and all the bishops of England, whose seals and letters the dean and chapter have.

R.I. f. 95.

Let the said deed be shewn to a notary or abbreviator, and let him be employed to draw up therefrom the best petition he can for us, either summoning the other party to the court, that the pope may end the cause by his sentence, or in the best form possible, or by committing the business in France or England to judges named below.

R.I. f. 95.

The dean and chapter would prefer a summons to the court rather than a commission. But if there should be a commission, the judges they would choose are: in England, the bishops of Worcester and Norwich, the archdeacon of Suthbiry in the diocese of Norwich, the bishop, dean, and archdeacon of Lincoln, or the archdeacon of Huntingdon in the diocese of Lincoln: in France, the provost of St. Omer in the diocese of Terouanne (*Morinensis*), the dean and schoolmaster of the diocese of Noyon, the archdeacon of Rouen.

R.I. f. 95.

Appeal by the chapter of Wells to the pope touching the reservation of four points in his award between the churches of Wells and Bath, that the bishop may not be installed to their prejudice in the church of Bath: that he may not be installed at Bath before being installed at Wells: that if, to the prejudice of this appeal, the archdeacon of Canterbury, to whom the office belongs, or his deputy attempt to install him at Bath, or there first, or if the bishop procure his installation there, it may only be done saving the right of their church: that he be only installed at Bath if similarly installed in their church.

Proxy to John Odeline and W. de Keinsham canons to prosecute these appeals.

R.I. f. 95.

. . . of letters which W. archdeacon of Thanton and H. the subdean had when they went to France.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells to Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Thanton and Hugh subdean of Wells to contract a loan of 100*l.* to advance their business in the papal court. Dated Wells, Saturday before St. Denis 1244. Nine pairs of letters issued in this form by them : one of 100*l.*, another of 100 marks, a third of 40 marks, a fourth of 50 marks, a fifth of 40 marks, a sixth of 30 marks, a seventh of 30 marks, an eighth of 25 marks, a ninth of 25 marks. Also a tenth and eleventh of 40 marks, since no loan was contracted by these, for W. provost of Cumba.

R.I. f. 95*d.*

Proxy by the chapter of Wells, addressed to Pope Innocent, in favour of Master Walter de Sancto Quintino and Hugh the subdean, to proceed in the court of Rome touching the election of a bishop ; ratifying their previous letters in favour of John Sarac[enus] the dean. Dated Wells, the morrow of St. Denis 1244.

They had two other proxies in slightly different form.

R.I. f. 95*d.*

[Memorandum of bonds of the chapter delivered to Richard de Marisco canon of Wells for the purpose of contracting a loan with foreign merchants in London : the first of 50 marks, to be delivered in the papal court to Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Thanton and H. the subdean, to promote the business of their church ; dated in chapter, vi id. January 1244.

[In this form were drawn up four pairs of letters, the first of 40 marks, the second of 40 marks, the third . . . . . .]

R.I. f. 95*d.* (cancelled).

[Memorandum that on the morrow of the Purification 1244, issued 8 pairs of letters of the chapter concerning a loan to be contracted with merchants of Florence and Genoa in London in the above form : the first of 100*l.*, the second of 100*l.*, the third of 100 marks, the fourth of 50 marks, the fifth of 25 marks, the sixth of 25 marks, the seventh of 25 marks, the eighth of 25 marks ; in all 550 marks to be delivered to the archdeacon of Tanton and the subdean of Wells, proctors of the chapter at the papal court.]

R.I. f. 95*d.* (cancelled).

[Memorandum that in April, on Thursday after St. Mark 1245, were sealed three pairs of letters of the chapter, concerning a loan to be contracted by the archdeacon of Tanton and the subdean, one of 21 marks, another of 50 marks, the third of 100 marks : also a fourth for Robert de Marisco of 30 marks, who was appointed their proctor for the purpose.]

R.I. f. 95*d.* (cancelled).

[The same day was deposited in the chest with the common seals a bond under seal of Robert de Marisco to the dean and chapter, binding himself and his prebend of Eston to save them harmless concerning the above letters of 30 marks loan.]

R.I. f. 95*d*. (cancelled).

[Robert de Marisco has one pair of 30 marks : the dean six pairs of 75 marks : the archdeacon of Wells three pairs, each of . . marks, and a fourth of 30 marks, which was granted to Robert de Marisco.]

R.I. f. 95*d*. (cancelled).

Petition of the dean and chapter of Wells to the pope, whereas they should with the prior and convent of Bath elect a bishop, and there is no set place for such election, that a place be provided, and judges : also whereas they have prebends and possessions distant from their church, and are often wronged by monks, clerks and laymen, neither can they approach the papal see with every complaint, that he will order such judges, when requested, to compel such evildoers in the province of Canterbury to make restitution, notwithstanding the constitution *de duabus dietis* published in the general council : and for judges, the dean and chancellor of Salisbury.

Petition, whereas the abbot and convent of Glastonbury and others in the dioceses of Bath, Salisbury and Exeter are wronging them touching tithes, possessions, etc., for the dean, chancellor and treasurer of Lincoln as judges, notwithstanding the said constitution.

Petition as above for the dean, chancellor and treasurer of Salisbury as judges against the abbot and convent of Alegnye and others in the dioceses of Bath, Salisbury and Worcester.

Petition, whereas there used to be two provostships in the church of Wells, one of Winesham the other of Cumba, the provosts whereof used to pay yearly 15 prebends of 10 marks to 15 canons of Wells, and 30 marks towards the service of the Virgin and the daily service of the dead in the church of Wells, and Jocelin late bishop of Bath, by their consent and that of the chapter of Bath, united the provostship of Wynesham to that of Cumba, that the pope would confirm this ordinance of the bishop.

Also the dean has one instrument touching the ordinance of the provostship of Cumba by consent of the chapter of Wells, and one touching the consent of the chapter of Bath.

R.I. f. 96 : see also f. 2*d*.

[Memorandum that, on the vigil of the Assumption 1245, the dean and chapter of Wells granted letters under their seal to Robert de Marisco a canon, namely a proxy in favour of Andrew de Freskewatere chaplain and Roland the clerk to contract a loan for 30 marks for advancing their business in the papal court. He

now has two pairs in that form. The same day was deposited in the chest with the common seal and his former bond, a bond sealed by Robert de Marisco for the said letters of 30 marks.]

(Cancelled. A note that this letter was given back by the archdeacon of Wells.)

R.I. f. 96.

Memorandum that J. Sarac[enus] dean of Wells, the pope's subdeacon and chaplain, the day he left Wells, namely Sunday before the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1245, took with him six pairs of letters with the chapter seal concerning a loan, one of 20 marks, another of 20 marks, a third of 20 marks, a fourth of 5 marks, a fifth of 5 marks, and a sixth of 5 marks, sealed in presence of the treasurer, Master Luke, and John de Sutton, whereby he had a proxy to contract loans for advancing their business in the papal court. And he gave a bond for them to the chapter, dated in chapter, Saturday after St. Bartholomew.

R.I. f. 96.

Letter (received on Monday after St. Ambrose, iv id. April 1245) from R. bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells collating John de Derham to the prebend consisting of the manor of Lutton, vacant by the resignation of Master E. de Derham.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

Writ of *pone per vadium*, addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells in Easter term, directing them to answer the bailiffs of Exeter concerning a plea wherefore they take toll, stallage and other customs of the citizens of Exeter contrary to their liberties, and for failing to appear in Hilary term.

Note, in margin, that this was received iii id. April 1245.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

Notification by R. bishop of Bath and Wells to J. dean of Wells that Master Geoffrey de Chyuton chaplain has been presented by R. precentor of Wells to the vicarage of Pulton, ordering the usual inquiry in chapter.

Note, in margin, that this was received on Wednesday before St. George.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

Writ of *pone*, at the first assize held in the county, in a plaint between James de Thurlebere and the dean and chapter of Wells concerning wrongful detenue of cattle.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

[Memorandum that on Thursday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr 1245, the chapter of Wells was bound to W. de Cusington for the building and repair of their houses of Mudiford and Luvington in 30 marks, payable by instalments.]

R.I. f. 96*d*. (cancelled).

Memorandum that on the vigil of the Assumption 1245, J. dean of Wells and the chapter sent by J. de Derham letters to Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, dated the morrow of St. Lawrence 1245, concerning the vicarage of Congresbiry, undertaking that whereas, according to the ordinance of bishop J. his predecessor, on vi kal. August 1245 at Banewell he appointed Sir J. de Teinton priest, but withdrew him at their instance, this should not be to the prejudice of his right of presentation.

R.I. f. 96*d*. See above, p 49.

Memorandum that on the vigil of the Assumption J. dean of Wells and the chapter sent letters, dated the morrow of St. Lawrence 1245, to Master N. de Euesham canon, by Serlo, who handed them to the vicar of St. Decumans to transmit to his lord, wherein they stated that the bishop at his late visitation by the archdeacon of Tanton having learnt by inquisition made in the hospital of Bruges that the vicar of his prebend of St. Decuman had long been bound to enter that order *per verba de presenti obligatoria*, and proposing to dispose of the vicarage as being of right vacant, summoned him to appear on the morrow of St. Lawrence ; but that they, seeing such action to be to their prejudice, sent certain of their brethren to the bishop praying him to respect their liberties ; and the bishop, alleging his ignorance that the church was a prebend, remitted the said vicar to the dean and chapter, enjoining them to do their part, and adding that as marriage is contracted *per verba de futuro* and also *per verba de presenti*, so is a vow contracted, intimating thus that the vicar, if he took such vow, could not remain secular or keep his benefice : wherefore they called upon the said canon to make inquiry and act upon it by Christmas, in his own interest and theirs, otherwise they would act for themselves.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

Memorandum that on Sunday after Michaelmas 1245, the chapter of Wells to farm let to Hugh the subdean the prebend of Bideham, which he took without oxen, stock, hay or fallow for five years at a yearly rent of 15 marks.

R.I. f. 96*d*.

Memorandum that on Friday after St. Bartholomew [1245 ?], in presence of J. dean of Wells, William archdeacon of Wells, Walter de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Henry de London treasurer, Hugh the subdean, Nicholas the succentor. Luke de Membyri, Walter de Cusington, John de Templo, John Odel[in], John de Teynton, John de Sutton, [R. de Din]ham, a statute was made that on the death of any canon two thirds of his prebend which fall to the chapter be sold to the highest bidder, if they should be sold, and not sold of grace to the canon succeeding him save by consent of the chapter, to which belongs that share of the fruits thereof.

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that lately there was debate between Master Richard le Chamberleng and John le Draper before J. Saracenus the dean, by reason of his jurisdiction in the city and suburb of Wells, touching a sum of money which Master Richard claimed by reason of a contract touching purchase of wheat, and the said John was suspended from entering the church for that he had not paid by the day fixed the sum which he acknowledged to be due; wherefore the said John appealed from the dean to the dean and chapter, from whom his jurisdiction was derived, on the ground that there had first been no canonical monition or citation. The subdean and chapter (in the dean's absence) took of him an oath that he would abide by the commands of the church, namely either prosecute his appeal on the day fixed or pay, and reconciled him to the church; and the dean on his return approved. Done in chapter on Friday after the Assumption 1245, in presence of the archdeacon of Wells, the treasurer, John Odeline, Hugh the subdean, Luke de Membiry, etc.

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that on Thursday after the Assumption 1245, in presence of J. the dean, the archdeacon of Wells, Henry archdeacon of Bath, W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Henry the treasurer, Robert de Marisco, John de Sutton, Luke de Membiry, Nicholas the succentor, William de Kainesham and John de Derham, after debate upon a question raised by the precentor, N. the succentor, Luke de Membiry, W. de Kainesham and John Chauuell against Miles the communar touching arrears of his accounts, claiming their portion by reason of residence, the chapter recalled the parties and by the archdeacon of Tanton pronounced sentence, giving the said Miles quittance of all accounts to that day, but reserving to Luke and the others their right of action against such as received the money which they were entitled to share.

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that the bishop, who is the chapter's warrant against Henry de Monteforti in a plaint of the advowson of Nuni, has a day against Dame Gritia, whom the said bishop vouched to warranty, in the quinzaine of St. Martin if the king comes to England, if he remain in Wales in the octave of St. Hilary, before W. de Eboraco, etc., at Westminster. The bishop's attorneys were essoined in the octave of Michaelmas.

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that on Monday after St. Katherine a chapter was held touching a loan, in presence of the dean, treasurer, subdean, succentor, W. the provost, John Odelin, Luke de Membiry, Joscelin the chaplain, William de Kaynesham, Richard de Dinam, John de Sutton and John de Derham, Walter de Cusington, Master John de Tanton, and Alexander de Bamfeld; and they being severally asked to apply the common fund towards discharging the church from year to year of debts contracted in the court of

Rome, namely 1775 marks payable between the Purification 1245 and St. Nicholas 1250, agreed that it should be wholly applied to that purpose, the surplus to be divided at Michaelmas among those entitled; that 200 marks due at St. Nicholas next should if possible be paid of the new corn in the granges, and the surplus money divided; threshing to begin at once; and so from year to year till the whole be paid. (Slightly defective.)

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that on Thursday the vigil of St. Thomas Ap. 1246 a proxy issued from J. dean of Wells and the chapter, dated xv kal. [January] to Rey . . to act for them in the court of Rome, but not to make any contract. (Defective.)

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum (no longer legible).

R.I. f. 97.

Memorandum that on Saturday before St. Lawrence 1244 after vespers, and on Monday following, the chapter of Wells appealed against any injunction to them or any of them to carry out any command of R. prior of the hospital of St. John Northampton and Master Thomas de Skireford (subdelegates of the priors of Chaucumb and of Wrokston delegates of the pope), or any other strangers, especially since the archdeacon has appealed from them for manifest and reasonable causes, which they with his lawful exceptions have refused to admit, and have presumed to proceed against him without observing the order of law: appeal to the pope, and to the archbishop elect to uphold their appeal.

R.I. f. 97*d*.

Memorandum that, on Tuesday the morrow of the Beheading of St. John Baptist about the hour of vespers, a clerk, by name William de Nortcury, with an esquire (*scutifer*), brought to Wells letters of the prior of Northampton and Master Thomas de Skireford, and laid them on the high altar: which being found, the canons and vicars assembling in the chapel of St. Mary, before they touched the letters, in the presence of the bearers appealed singly and collectively to the pope, and to the archbishop elect to uphold their appeal, that whereas Master W. de Button archdeacon of Wells had appealed to him, they nor any of them should execute the commands of the papal delegates in a cause between him and Sir W. de Well', for that the commissaries have denied him justice by quashing his exceptions and refusing to admit his appeals, which the chapter has found valid and lawful.

Also whereas W. de Well' has been excommunicated for his contumacy by bell and candle in the church of Wells by authority of the ordinary, and the sentence published throughout all the churches of the archdeaconry, and remaining in the same hardness of heart had not been absolved, that the clerks of the church of Wells be not compelled to communicate with him, and the said subdelegates may not induct him into any ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the church of Wells.

Also that neither the archbishop elect nor the abbot of Glastonbury or any of their men, nor any of the chapter, nor any other at the order of the subdelegates, may receive the excommunicate to a stall in the choir or a place in the chapter, nor to divine service in the church.

Also for a fresh cause is he to be shunned, for that his household, with his knowledge and consent, grievously wounded a clerk, by name Nicholas: appeal therefore that the excommunicate be not admitted amongst them. This exception the said archdeacon was prepared to prove.

Also against any sentence of suspension, excommunication or interdict by such judges, since the chapter has an indult of the pope against such sentence, save for manifest and reasonable cause and by his express command, seeing that to execute any order of the subdelegates is contrary to law and reason.

Also against being compelled to execute any command of the subdelegates without observing the order of law, for that they bave proceeded contrary to law, since after issue joined no man should be put in possession for the sake of preserving the property, but a true possessor made.

Also, whereas in the letter lately addressed to their lord elect it was stated that the subdelegates had decreed that he should be put in possession for the sake of preserving the property, and the lord elect shewed causes why their order should not be executed, they cannot nor should put him in possession by any other without first sitting judicially; appeal therefore against being compelled to execute their command.

R.I. f. 97*d*.

Letter of R. prior of the hospital of St. John Northampton and Master Thomas de Skireford, subdelegates of the priors of Chaucumbe and of Wrokston delegates of the pope, to the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, subdean, succentor and others canons and vicars of the church of Wells, ordering them, whereas in the cause before the said subdelegates touching the archdeaconry of Wells between W. de Well' archdeacon of Wells and Master W. de Button they have come to the production of witnesses, to appear before them at Wells in the great church on the morrow of the Exaltation of Holy Cross to give such evidence as shall be required: the third judge, namely the abbot of St. James Northampton, being lawfully excused. Dated Banebiry, Saturday after the Assumption 1244.

R.I. f. 97*d*.

Appeal to the pope because they have no power to compel witnesses or impose so great a penalty, either by the first letter or the second: because in the first citation, no monition having been previously sent to . . . . . attached *sub interminacione*: because of the terms of the general citation, the canons and vicars being numerous and in divers parts

of England, and some [over] sea, and it cannot quickly reach them: because they summon an excessive number of witnesses. (Defective).

R.I. f. 97*d*.

Declaration by the chapter of Wells that whereas, when the letting to farm of certain manors of their community was discussed, John Sarracenus the dean craved one of them, he was refused, not for despite or prejudice, but solely for fear of the power of him and his in the court of Rome, the chapter protesting that otherwise they would grant him what is granted to the deans of other cathedral churches. Dated Wells, the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul 1247, in presence of Master H. Tessun precentor of Wells, Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Nicholas the succentor, Master Luke de Membiry, Master John de Tanton, Master J. Odeline, J. the priest, W. de Cusinton, William de Pulton.

R.I. f. 97*d*.

Undertaking by P. dean of Wells and the chapter, at the request of Josc[elin] their bishop, to take to farm of Ildicius nephew of the late John cardinal priest of St. Praxed during his life his vicarage of Cristemeleford, by presentation of Matthew parson thereof, by assent of the said bishop patron thereof, and by admission of Richard bishop of Salisbury, at a yearly rent of 25 marks at Easter, to be deposited at the New Temple London subject to a penalty of 5 marks; also to maintain the church and ordinary charges, and pay the parson his pension. Done at Wells, xiii kal. October, in the first year of the translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [1220].

R.I. f. 98.

Receipt by the chapter of Wells, and indemnity to Walter archdeacon of Tanton, for 2 marks of the prebend of Master Hugh de Atrio Dei for Michaelmas term 1245. Done at Wells, Nov. 1245.

Receipts in the same form for Christmas term and Easter term following.

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that on Wednesday the octave of the Assumption 1246, in presence of the treasurer, succentor, subdean, W. provost of Cumba, J. Odel[in], Luke de Membiry, Joscelin the chaplain, W. de Cusinton, and Alexander de Banfeld, William de Dynant, accused in chapter of fornication with Rose Fraperue, confessed: penalty respited, provided that if he be defamed again he resign his vicarage.

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that the same day W. de Cerde, accused of fornication with the same Rose, denied it: ordered to purge himself on St. Bartholomew's day, when appearing before the treasurer, Luke de Membiry, Joscelin the chaplain, and the subdean, in presence of W. de Lechelad, he failed so to do, and confessed his fault: penalty respited (as above).

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that on Wednesday the vigil of St. Luke, W. de Cobeham, defamed of fornication with little Henerith (?), and in presence of H. the treasurer, H. the subdean, N. the succentor, Luke de Membiry and Joscelin the chaplain, being accused thereof in chapter, confessed. To resign his vicarage if so defamed in future.

R.I. f. 98.

Grant by J. dean of Wells and the chapter to Joan de la Slo that, whereas her marriage has come to their hands in their manor of Northcury, they will give her the preference in the sale of the said marriage. Dated Wells, ix kal. April 1247.

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that, whereas it was provided that the accounts of the chapter should be audited year by year on the morrow of the octave of St. Kalixtus, for unforeseen causes by advice of bishop William, in 1248, the audit was ordered to proceed on the morrow of St. Kalixtus, without prejudice to the said provision in future.

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that on the vigil of St. Lawrence 1251, at the request of J. Sara[cenus] the dean, issued an undertaking by the chapter, whereas by virtue of an indulgence granted him by the pope to go for three years to the schools the dean had decreed to let to farm his deanery, and offered the same to them, to pay yearly 200 marks and no more, and bear the ordinary charges. (Defective).

R.I. f. 98.

Memorandum that on Friday before St. George 1245, John Saracenus dean of Wells returning from the court of Rome gave back to the chapter these instruments: Letters of Pope Innocent IV beginning '*Bone memorie*'; Letters of the same to the prior and convent of Bath touching the provision of bishop Roger; Letters of the same to the king on the same matter; Letters on the same subject to the clergy of the city and diocese of Bath; Letters on the same subject to the people of the city of Bath; Letters of the same to the dean and chapter of Wells; Two pairs of letters touching the last ordinance between the churches of Wells and Bath; Letters of cardinal Richard touching 50*l.* received on behalf of the chapter as a gift; Two pairs of letters of merchants of Florence touching a loan of 200 marks (which loan did not proceed, and the letters were cancelled, but there remain the chapter's letters which should be given back); Letters of the chapter excommunicating the abbot of Bec for not paying his contribution; Ten pairs of letters of the chapter, proxies, etc., addressed to the cardinals.

R.I. f. 98*d*.

Memorandum that about the feast of All Saints 1251, W. de Sancto Quintino, archdeacon of Tanton, gave back to the chapter the grange with the fruits of last autumn therein, except the hay

which remained to him, on condition that if the corn should sell for 80*l.* he should be quit of that year's farm, namely Michaelmas term past and three terms to come, and he should give up to the chapter all receipts of rent for that term, and all corn threshed by his men, and all his men had received of tithes of mills etc.; if the corn should sell for more than 80*l.* he should have half the gain, and if for less should stand half the loss.

R.I. f. 98*d.*

[Proxy from the dean and chapter of Wells to Master William de Button archdeacon of Wells to contract a loan of 10*l.* to advance their business in the papal court. Dated Wells, Wednesday before Michaelmas 1245.

[In the same form another writing of 10*l.*

[Memorandum that on the day of Firmin M. John de Button, in presence of the dean, subdean, Luke de Membiry and the succentor, gave back the said two pairs of letters; and because the archdeacon had a pair granted to Robert de Mar[isco] of 30 marks, and had not given the chapter an indemnity, they retained his first bond of indemnity until he should make a new one. J. de Button gave back the letters of 30 marks on the morrow of Palm Sunday 1248, and took back his bond.]

R.I. f. 98*d.* (cancelled).

[Bond of W. de Button archdeacon of Wells to pay to the chapter of Wells a loan to be contracted by means of his instruments granted him by them to advance his business in the court of Rome, and to save them harmless. Done in the chapter of Wells, Wednesday before Michaelmas 1245.]

R.I. f. 98*d.* (cancelled).

Memorandum that on Thursday after Michaelmas 1245, H. subdean of Wells, sent to London on behalf of the chapter, took with him these instruments: A proxy by the chapter to contract a loan of 700 marks to advance their business in the court of Rome, dated Wells the morrow of Michaelmas: Another in the same form to contract a loan in London if possible: A proxy to compound with merchants of Siena for a sum in which they are bound by papal letters, the same date: Another to treat with merchants of Florence touching a sum in which they are bound, the bond being at the New Temple London; Another to compound or abide an award in a cause between Ildicius and the chapter: Letters patent to contract a loan of 1200 marks in London or the court of Rome, the same date: Letters of J. Monsell touching purchase of the corn of Scaldeford: Three pairs of letters touching a contract with merchants entered into by the archdeacon of Tanton and the subdean: A tally against the king's officers concerning amercements: Letters of Bartholomew, bailiff in the king's time, about having the said amercements.

Memorandum that on his return from London he gave back to the chapter three pairs of letters about contracting a loan.

R.I. f. 98*d.*

Memorandum that the chapter of Wells gave to W. provost of Cumba a receipt for all the money in which he was or could be bound by reason of H. de Rom[enal] the subdean advancing his business in the court of Rome with their money. Dated Michaelmas 1245.

R.I. f. 98*d*.

Memorandum that John the smith (*faber*) died on the night of Sunday the morrow of the Nativity of St. John Baptist 1251.

R.I. f. 98*d*.

Memorandum that on Michaelmas day 1245, Serlo vicar of the church of Wells, who . . . . to the court . . . . took with him a charter . . . . . 30*s*. whereof he owes to . . and the subdean delivered to Sir Miles 10*s*. which he had received of him towards the said business, because he received in all 40*s*. . . . . him 10*s*. (Defective).

R.I. f. 99.

Letter of the chapter of Wells, sent by J. de Keinesham within the octave of Michaelmas, to the archdeacons of Huntingdon and . . . . the judges in London delegated by the pope or their commissaries, stating that R. bishop of Bath and Wells was treating of peace between them and the prior and convent of Bath, and requested them to stay for a time proceedings pending at their instance before the said judges concerning violence offered to canons W. de Kein[esham] and John Odel[in], and desiring them by consent of the proctors on both sides, who will appear on the day after St. Denis, to appoint Thursday before St. Edmund K.M. Dated Wells, the morrow of Michaelmas 1245.

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that on Wednesday before St. Hilary 1245, by advice of the dean, it was resolved in chapter in presence of the dean, subdean, N. the [suc]centor, Luke de Membiry, J. Odelin', W. de Kainesham, Robert de Marisco, W. de Cusinton and Richard de Dinam, that the following letter should be sent to the court, so that the chapter should spend 20*s*. in procuring this business and save 20*s*. or 30*s*. . . . . marks. The letter was made next day, and handed to Peronus messenger of Sir Henry the dean's brother (who had come from London . . . . by the dean's leave kept him one day and at his departure gave him 12*d*.) and sent to the dean and Master R. de Stanford canon of St. Pauls touching the ordinance between the chapter, Sir Ildicius, Master N. de Euesham, and Robert . . . . whereby J. de Kainesham was made their proctor in this business. A proxy was also sent, addressed to Pope Innocent, in favour of the bearer, Reynon the clerk, dated iv id. January 1245, and it was resolved that he should be given 40*s*. a year. A petition was also sent, stating that the prior and convent of Bath threatened, after the pope's death, to upset his ordinance between the two churches touching the four points previously reserved, namely where the election should be held, which should be the cathedral church, in which the bishop

should be installed, and after which he should be named, and praying him to instruct the bishops of London, Winchester, Chichester and Exeter, or the dean of St. Paul's London, and G. de Bisnam canon of Exeter to compel them to observe the same ; also praying letters . . . . to the archbishop of Canterbury, the clergy and people of the city and diocese of Wells, and of the city and diocese of Bath to that effect ; and that the bishop of Bath and Wells . . . . . Also, by the dean's advice, letters were addressed to W. cardinal deacon of St. Eustace and to Bonacursus the pope's chamberlain and to the brother of Alexander canon of Wells, with the petition enclosed.

R.I. f. 99. Defective.

Memorandum that on the octave of Michaelmas Robert la Warre clerk, who by assent of the chapter had the prebend of Eston to farm of Robert de Marisco canon, had a receipt of the chapter in the name of the said Robert for 24 marks for the last autumn, dated Wells, St. Faith 1246.

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that on the vigil of the Purification 1250, the chapter conferred the obit of Master E. de Badestan upon Geoffrey de Sutton and Janck[in] brother of Isaac.

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that on Saturday the vigil of St. Faith 1252, the precentor, treasurer, archdeacon of Tanton, subdean, W. de Cusinton, R. de Sapewik granted to Samuel de Meln[es] two portions of the prebend of Bokland falling to the chapter after the death of Alexander de Banfeld for 100*s*., provided that he support the charge of the vicarage, payable half at midsummer 1253, half at Michaelmas.

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that Master N. de Euesham has a day at his own instance to pay his fifth at the Purification next.

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that on the day of St. Macutus Conf. 1248(?) the chapter conferred the obit of Master . . . . . and Janck[in] de Sutt'.

Also on the conversion of St. Paul following the chapter conferred . . . . . the obit of Master Nicholas de . . . .

The same day . . . . . .

. . . . . that on the morrow of St. Maurice 1250, the chapter conferred . . . . . of Master H. de Atrio Dei on Peter de Westbiry, and Peter de D. . . . . substitutes . . . . . of Nicholas de Chiu and Nicholas de [? Cerd'] . . . . . by Wilck[in] de . . . . . who was put in place of Gilbert de . . . . . (Defective).

R.I. f. 99.

Memorandum that on St. Bartholomew's day 1251, the chapter conferred the obit of Luke de Membiry on Wilckin brother of R. de Teynton and Janck[in] de Sutton ; and the same day conferred the obit of R. de Dinam on Janckin de Bruges and the son of Mabel Buch'.

Also on Sunday after the feast of St. Vincent the treasurer etc. [conferred] the obit of the provost of Cumba on Peter de Bristollia and Willck[in] de Hamme.

. . . . . 1254, the chapter conferred the obit of J. de Teynton on Janckin de Bruges and William . . . . (Defective).

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that on Monday before St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas appeared in chapter G. de Totten' before Master J. de Axebrigg', J. de Teinton, Robert de Marisco, and H. the subdean, and craved restoration to his vicarage, according to an ordinance made, as he said, by J. the dean and chapter concerning three years' absence, and was told that in the absence of the dean, H. the precentor, and the archdeacon of Tanton, who were present when the alleged ordinance was made, he should put his petition in writing : they would return at Easter, and a day was set about Thursday in Easter week 1251. The said G. appeared on Saturday in Easter week, and was told to wait for the dean's arrival.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

[Memorandum that on Saturday before St. Gregory 1251, Robert de Euesham deposited in the treasury of Wells according to his bond 25 marks, under the seals of himself and the subdean, in presence of H. the treasurer, H. the subdean, R. de Sapewick, J. de Teinton and R. de Marisco. The money was delivered by the treasurer to the care of William de Mertok warden of the treasury under him, given back to the said G. (*sic*) and afterwards paid in London.]

R.I. f. 99*d*. (cancelled).

Memorandum that on Sunday before St. Gregory 1251, H. the subdean in chapter in presence of H. the treasurer, R. de Marisco, W. de Purle, R. de Sapewick, J. de Teinton, admitted Walter the chaplain to the vicarage of Sir W. de Huniton at his presentation, and Stephen de Surreia to the vicarage of Master R. de Mar[isco] at the presentation of the treasurer, under power given by letters of Master R. produced.

The same day the chapter granted their corn of Bughelegh to R. de Letton vicar for 28 marks according to his bond.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that whereas . . . brother of Master N. Tesson distrained the men of William le Buteler for a contribution towards payment of *viagium* for the justices' eyre, the said W. appeared and humbly besought that the same should be given up,

for that the tenants were freeholders by charter and never used to contribute, threatening to go to the sheriff, but confessing that he had two men who ought to contribute. The chapter caused the same to be given up until the arrival of Master N., on condition that if the said N. could shew they had previously contributed, or were bound so to do, the said W. is willing they should ; otherwise they are to be friends.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that the chapter of Wells, about Easter 1252, let to the widow of John the smith (*faber*) two thirds of the houses which were his as their escheat at a yearly rent of 2*s*., the remaining third being previously assigned to her as dower ; and she did fealty.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that, whereas . . . de . . . who was wife of Walter the chamberlain, about St. George 1252, was absolved in chapter by H. Tesson precentor, in presence of W. archdeacon of Tanton, H. the subdean, etc., for having distrained upon a house which the said W. had assigned towards his obit, being of the fee of St. Andrew, she caused the same to be given up, and it was agreed that one third the rent should thenceforth be paid her as dower.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Bartholomew 1252, issued letters of the chapter of Wells, addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting J. de Kainesham priest to the vicarage of Wines[cumb ?] of their patronage, at the command of the pope.

R.I. f. 99*d*.

Memorandum that, whereas on Tuesday after Martinmas 1251 it came to the notice of the chapter that W. de Button their bishop had collated William de Button his nephew to their church of Congresbiry, though he could not of right do so, on Wednesday following they appealed to the archbishop of Canterbury or his official. Present in chapter, Henry the treasurer, Master Adam de Gessich, Master Roger de Sapewik, Robert de Marisco, Walter de Cusinton, John de Teynton, and John de Hereford canons of Wells, and Ralph de Chyu, William Bissopp', Henry de Sancto Laudo, William called Archdeacon, Robert de Wern', Robert de Well' called Dyer, William de Stan', Walter de Wedmore, Reginald Scory, Alexander de London, John de Ellewrth, Gregory Walensis, William de Milverton, Thomas de Kent, Richard de Clutton, Henry de Surreya, Walter de Henton, Isaac the sacrist, Thomas de Mere, Ralph son of Simon the painter, Walter de Lechelade, Roger de Pralle, John de Berewik, Stephen de Surreya and others vicars specially summoned for the purpose.

R.I. f. 100.

Appeal in the same form in the chapter of Axebregg' by Master Adam de Gessich, Master Roger de Sapewik, and Sir W. de Purl'.

On Sunday the vigil of St. Edmund M., the appeal was renewed by H. the subdean in the chapter of Wells in presence of the canons, of J. de Button the bishop's brother, and of the vicars specially summoned for the purpose.

The same Sunday the subdean in the nave of the church by the stocks (*iuxta stokk'*) in presence of the prior of the hospital of St. John, William Buch', and William Russell, publicly and solemnly renewed the appeal.

R.I. f. 100.

Also on the feast of St. Edmund K.M., John de Cerd' vicar of the church of Wells was made proctor of the chapter to appeal at Congresbiry. Form of proxy, dated the octave of St. Martin 1251, and of his appeal, stating that the church of Congresbiry was conferred upon the chapter by bishop Joscelin, made in writing in presence of Walter de Lechelade vicar of Wells, John the chaplain of Congresbiry, William Gormundus, John de Pulla, Walter servant of Adam the clerk vicar of Brente, Gilbert Kenel, William de Pull', Nerodinus, Walter de Chapflor' and others specially summoned for the purpose. The appeal was lodged in the church porch.

R.I. f. 100.

Afterwards on Tuesday the feast of St. Cecilia the chapter sent Master Adam de Gessich and Sir J. de Derham to the bishop at Crokel' humbly praying him to revoke his act, with letters of remonstrance, dated Monday the vigil of St. Cecilia 1251.

R.I. f. 100.

Sentence on Sir Walter de Purley canon of Wells, being defamed touching incontinence and failing in his purgation, that he absent himself from Easter next for a whole year, and the profit of his prebend be applied to the fabric of the church of Wells, namely 8 marks. This sentence the said Walter thankfully acknowledged. Done in the chapter of Wells, iii non. April 1257.

R.I. f. 100.

The said Master Adam and Sir J., as a precaution, took with them letters patent of the chapter of Wells addressed to the bishop, to renew if necessary the appeal already lodged. Dated Wells, the feast of St. Edmund K.M. 1251.

R.I. f. 100*d*.

Form of renewal of appeal before the bishop by Master A. de Gessich and Sir J. de Derham at Crokkelay on the feast of St. Katherine, stating that the chapter first became aware of the bishop's collation to Congresbiry on Tuesday after St. Martin 1251, and on the morrow appealed to the archbishop or his official,

R.I. f. 100*d*.

Because the bishop would not at the prayer of Master A. and Sir J., nor at the chapter's petition, revoke his act, the said appeal

being renewed, he offered two forms whereof the chapter might choose one, either that the truth of the whole proceeding touching the church of Congresbiry should be recited, and the question referred to the pope's decision, or else the chapter should send messengers with full powers, and submit themselves to his ordinance, provided that if they accepted such ordinance it should stand, otherwise the matter should remain as before. These forms were recited to the chapter by J. de Derham, who returned on the feast of St. Andrew ; and they decreed a general assembly of the brethren. Form of summons to be present on Wednesday after the Circumcision, dated the morrow of St. Andrew Ap. 1251.

R.I. f. 100*d*.

Injunction of the chapter to Master A. de Gessich that, if the bishop would not revoke his act, he should cause him to be cited. Form of petition, which he took with him, stating that the chapter were in peaceful possession of the church of Congresbiry as rectors, and by ordinance of the archbishop of York and his colleagues Sir P. Sarac[enus] held it of them to farm for life, and it was not vacant. Form of citation, dated Otteford, Sunday after St. Andrew 1251, by Master E. de Lenn' official of Canterbury to the bishop of Bath and Wells to appear in the church of St. Mary le Bow London on Tuesday after St. Hilary, and to cite W. de Button clerk. The citation in duplicate : one pair Master A. sent to Master J. Fortis and R. the succentor at Crokel', that they should cause him to be cited by two grooms ; the other he brought to Wells on Friday after St. Nicholas, which by the consent of the treasurer, Master Adam de Gessich, Master R. de Sapewik, W. de Purle, J. de Hereford, J. de Teynton and the subdean was sent to Bath on Saturday following by John de Sutton clerk, Girrard, and two grooms of Master Adam de Gessich, who on the Sunday following laid it on the high altar during the procession.

R.I. f. 100*d*.

Memorandum that whereas on Thursday in Easter 1265, Robert Giffard canon of Wells, before Edward the dean and the chapter, being accused of incontinence confessed, and submitted to their judgment ; the dean and chapter, remembering previous offences, decreed that the said Robert be exiled from the city of Wells until Michaelmas, not entering the choir or chapter, and counted absent in the daily distributions, and pay to the master workman 60*s*. for the fabric as an amercement, with this addition, that if he be again defamed among good and weighty men he shall pay 100*s*. every time, and if found incorrigible shall be deprived of his canonry.

R.I. f. 100*d*.

On the day of the assembly the bishop sent letters to the chapter, at the end of which were the words '*nisi ordinacioni nostre una cum aliquibus ex parte vestra supponere vos velitis*' : to which the chapter answered on the Epiphany, proposing in hope of peace that a proctor on either side should fix a day after Easter for the trial, to give opportunity for a conference in the mean time.

R.I. f. 101.

Protestation by Giles archdeacon of Berksire before the chapter of Wells, that he does not withdraw nor intend to withdraw from the right and possession of his archdeaconry or of his other benefices by reason of his election to the deanery of Wells, and appeal to the papal see and to Canterbury against any attempt to prejudice such rights.

R.I. f. 101.

Institution of William son of Thomas de Welinton to the parsonage of Benhangre by A. dean of Wells and the chapter, on presentation of Stephen de Tornaco canon of Wells of the prebend of Withcherech patron thereof, saving to them 10 *minae* of winnowed corn which the said W. shall be bound to pay yearly in Lent. Witnesses : Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Thomas subdean of Wells, Adam succentor of Wells, Thomas de Cicestria, Master Richard de Cirencestria, Adam Magot chaplain, Stephen de Bradeford, Thomas the writer, Gilbert de Welinton, Adam Gihayne, William son of Simon de Marisco, Philip Magoth, William son of Walter de Worthe, William de Withefeld. Sealed by the dean, not by the chapter.

R.I. f. 101*d*.

Certificate by W. de Tornaco monk of Louth Park, formerly dean of Lincoln, addressed to the subdean and chapter of Wells, at the request of Th[omas] rector of Benhangre, that when he used to pay them 10 *minae* of corn due from that church by assent of the dean and chapter he never paid them save in Lent.

R.I. f. 101*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by [bishop] Joscelin, dated Wells the morrow of St. Hilary 34 bishop Joscelin, by Master Walter de Maydenestan, of a gift made by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter to Robert Gyfarde (*Giffard) chaplain of all tithes and obventions of the church of St. Cuthbert Wells (except sheaves of all manner of corn in garden or field, tithes of the bishop's vineyard, of the mills of that parish, of the white monks, and of hay), also the tithes of Pridie, Wuttenhill (*Wytenull) and Cherlecothe (*Chelecote), rendering yearly 20 marks, namely at Christmas 46*s*. 8*d*., at Easter 46*s*. 8*d*., at Midsummer 40*s*., at St. Peter *ad vincula* 66*s*. 8*d*., and at the Nativity of St. Mary 66*s*. 8*d*. ; dated kal. April 1239, and witnessed by Alard the chancellor, Richard de Kenigwrthe (*Kenelworth) treasurer, Lambert the subdean, Elyas the chaplain, Master William de Dynra, Robert *de camera*, *Robert de Berkelay canons of Wells, Adam de Hereford, Ralph de Lechelad, William Bissop, Miles, Reginald Scory, William Arch-[deacon] vicars of Wells.

R.I. f. 101*d*.. repeated f. 104 (where the names from * are found): see also R.III. f. 147.

Provision of Boniface archbishop of Canterbury, by counsel of the dean of Lincoln and brother A. de Marisco, that whereas the dean and chapter of Lincoln and also the archdeacons of that

church objected to his exercising episcopal jurisdiction in the city and diocese during the vacancy of the see of Lincoln by the death of bishop R., he will empower two indifferent men to receive proofs and instruments on either side, and before St. John Baptist next to pronounce a definitive sentence: the archbishop meanwhile without prejudice to exercise the same without let or hindrance.

R.I. f. 101*d*.

Memorandum that on Monday before the Translation of St. Swithun, iii id. July 1254, in presence of J. the chancellor, H. the treasurer, R. the succentor, J. provost of Cumba, Master E. de Cnoll, Master A. de Gessich, Master R. de Sapewik, S. de Melnes, W. de Bosinton, J. de Hereford, and W. de Pilton, depositions of Richard de Chyclet (brother of the testator) and J. de Hereford were taken, that J. de Theynton canon made his will about a year past, and appointed R. de Chyclet executor. H. the subdean (by order of the chapter) pronounced for the will, and granted the executor administration of the testator's goods in Wells and in his prebend of Hengestreng'.

R.I. f. 102.

On the same day Master E. de Cnoll, canon of the prebend of Hengestreng', acknowledged before the above named persons that he bought of the executor for 25 marks the fruits of the autumn following with the third part thereof for the next year (which belonged to the deceased according to the custom of the church of Wells), all defects of the prebend in books, ornaments and buildings (estimated at 5 marks) falling upon Master E.; and as the dean and chapter (by the chancellor and treasurer) had the day before at Evercriz sequestrated that sum, Master E. obtained a release of 10 marks thereof to the use of the brother of the said J., who for the said J. had put himself in jewry, 15 marks being retained.

R.I. f. 102.

On the vigil of the Assumption 1255, at the command of Master Giles de Brideport dean of Wells, was sealed with the chapter seal an *inspexímus* and confirmation by E. [Giles] dean of Wells and the chapter, of a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to John de Olveston his servant and the heirs of his body of one virgate of land at Dundray in his manor of Chiw, and one fardel of land called Breche by the park of Berewe (which Roger de Strete the bishop's late carter held of him) at a yearly rent of half a mark payable quarterly; also one virgate of land in the said manor of Chiw, and a pasture called Russeham on the south side of a road leading from the high street of Dundray between the said pasture and the pasture of Robert Arthur westward to the leat of water running outside the grove of Robert de Loscumb (held by Roger de Strete, and before him by Geoffrey de Hospital) at a yearly rent of one mark, saving Peter's pence, and the fencing of the bishop's park of Westbury; witnessed by Thomas de Auteville, Richard son of Hamon, John Mauruward, Luke de Barri, Richard de Bonevilla,

Hugh Womstrang', Peter de Gurnay, Osbert Nornere, Geoffrey the clerk, Robert the marshal, William Gernun, Andrew Nornere.

R.I. f. 102.

Letter of E. [Giles] dean of Wells and the chapter addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting John de la Pola chaplain of the archdeacon of Wells to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells after the death of Robert Giffard, saving to them 20 marks a year, as confirmed to them by bishop Joscelin. Dated the morrow of the Annunciation 1256.

R.I. f. 102.

Letter of E. [Giles] dean of Wells and the chapter addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Master Simon Gyen, after the death of Richard late vicar, to the vicarage of Northcury, consisting in all the small tithes and the obventions great and small to the church of Northcury and the chapel of Hach' except sheaves of any corn in garden or field, tithes of their mills and fisheries, of hay, and of their courts of Northcury and Hach'. Dated xiii kal. May 1256.

R.I. f. 102.

Assent of E. [Giles] dean of Wells and the chapter to the deposition of Roger de Ford abbot of Glastonbury by bishop William at his visitation thereof, in presence of John the chancellor, Hugh the treasurer, Walter archdeacon of Tanton, John the subdean, Richard the succentor, and Nicholas de Cranford canons of Wells. Dated in the chapter of Wells, x kal. March 1255.

R.I. f. 102*d*. Adam de Domerham, i 255.

Memorandum that on xv kal. June 1256, issued the following letters from the chapter for the business of the deanery suspended by B. de Nymph' by the authority of papal letters :

Proxy by the chapter to Master N. de Cranford canon of Wells to act in the court of Rome, but not to contract a loan. Dated as above.

Proxy to Master N. de Cranford, Master J. de Cheyham canon of St. Paul's London, Sir Gilbert de Sarr' rector of Westbyri and Walter de Lechelade clerk vicar of Wells to act, but not to contract a loan. Same date.

Proxy to the same persons to petition the pope for their free election of a dean lately suspended by Master B. de Nympha the pope's chaplain, and to obtain a remedy in the court of Rome. Same date.

R.I. f. 102*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Thomas Corbyn chaplain to the vicarage of Wynescumb after the death of John de Kaynesham. Dated Wells, the feast of St. Sixtus, St. Felicissimus and St. Agapitus 1256.

R.I. f. 102*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to W. bishop of Bath and Wells notifying their election of Master Edward de Cnoll one of the canons as dean upon the confirmation of Master E. [Giles] late dean as bishop of Salisbury, presenting him by Master Simon de Micham and W. de Purlee canons, and praying the bishop's confirmation. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Tuesday after the Exaltation of Holy Cross 1256.

R.I. f. 102*d*.

Request by E[dward] dean of Wells to the chapter to assign to Nicholas de Walton one of the canons, dwelling outside the city for lack of houses, the house of Master Adam de Gissich lately deceased, saving the rights of their church. Dated Wylton, before St. Fabian and St. Sebastian 1256.

R.I. f. 102*d*.

Memorandum that on the Assumption 1252, by assent of the chapter of Wells, namely H. the precentor, H. the treasurer, W. archdeacon of Tanton, R. the succentor, H. the subdean, Master A. de Gessich, Master J. de Axebregg', Master R. de Sapewik, A. provost of Cumba, W. de Purle, R. de Marisco, J. de Teynton, J. de Hereford and W. de Cusinton, issued the following charters:

Inspeximus and consent by the chapter, dated Wells, St. Botulph 1252, to a declaration by J. Sarac[enus] the dean, at the request of the chapter, that John de la Sonde late his neif has been purchased for manumission with his issue etc. by Ralph de Chyu vicar of Wells, for one besant of gold; dated St. Laurence' day 1251, and witnessed by Master H. Tesson precentor of Wells, H. de London treasurer, N. the succentor, J. de Teynton, J. de Hereford, W. de Purle canons of Wells.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the chapter, dated Wells, the morrow of the Assumption 1252, of a grant made by John Sarac-[enus] the dean to Richard de Renham for his service, of half a virgate of land in the manor of Luteleston in Wedmoreland (formerly held by Robert Simenl', by W. the chamberlain for life of the gift of the dean's predecessors, and by P. de la Rokk' for life of his own gift) at a yearly rent of one pair of spurs at Easter, value 6*d*., provided that after his death it revert to the dean and his successors, with warranty during his life; witnessed by Sir Robert de Cuntevilla, Sir Matthew de Banton knights, Thomas Tryveth, Henry de Cuntevilla, Richard de Cuntevilla, Martin Wynegod, John Thurstayn, Peter son of Margery.

R.I. f. 103.

Memorandum that on the vigil of Michaelmas 1256, issued a proxy by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to William le Rus of Bristol clerk in all causes touching them and their church, dated Thursday before Michaelmas 1256.

R.I. f. 103.

Memorandum that at Michaelmas 1256 the chapter granted to Robert the spicer and Durand, their wives and children, during good behaviour, their houses which Walter the chamberlain assigned towards his obit, for 7*s*. a year payable quarterly to the communar towards such obit, saving to the chapter a rent of 2*s*. for the ground held by Christina Wakelyn of the same tenement, the tenants maintaining the said houses and the road before them, that it be not narrowed by the flow of water causing earth to slip down.

R.I. f. 103.

Reply of E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to a letter of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, assenting to the appropriation of the church of Baestun' [Bath Easton] to the prior and convent of Bath.

R.I. f. 103.

Inspeximus and confirmation, dated v id. April 1257, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of a statute made by William bishop of Bath and Wells, after hearing the abbot and convent of St. Augustine Bristol and consulting with the chapters of Bath and Wells, and considering the situation of the said monastery in a port frequented by strangers and foreigners, whereby he appropriates thereunto the churches of Portbury, Tykeham, Clivedone, Were and Poulet, saving the maintenance of vicars therein ; dated Wells, v id. April 1257.

R.I. f. 103*d*.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to William le Rus clerk in all causes touching them and their church ; dated Saturday after St. James Ap. 1257.

R.I. f. 103*d*.

Grant by Alexander Hose to St. Andrew and the dean and chapter of Wells, for his soul and his ancestors', of the tenement late of Henry Tracy in Wells in the street towards the Torr in almoin, with warranty. Witnesses : Peter prior of the hospital of Wells, Robert Blak' bailiff of the bishop of Wells, Richard Norr', Richard Brun, William Brun, William Mercer, John Machun.

R.I. f. 103*d*.

Inspeximus and assent, dated xix kal. February 1259, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Reginald la Weyte for life, for service to the bishop and his predecessors, of a messuage and ferling of land which Emma de la Brok held in his manor of Chyw at a yearly rent of 3*s*., saving to the said Reginald the crop of the year in which he shall die ; witnessed by Sir Jocey de Bays, Sir Bartholomew de Emeleb', Sir Thomas de Altavilla knights, John Maureward, Luke de Barri, Roger de Stanton, William de Bonavilla, Robert le Botiller, Walter Badevent.

R.I. f. 103*d*.

Ordinance of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, reciting a grant of the advowson of Batheneston to the prior and monks of Bath made by Maud lady of Batheneston in her widowhood, and by assent of the chapters of Bath and Wells, appropriating the said church to them, (saving a vicarage to consist in the portions anciently assigned to the vicar, the ordinary charges to fall upon the vicar,) together with the chantry of the chapel of St. Katherine in the parish of Bath, to be performed daily at the vicar's charges, provided the chaplain celebrate mass every day except Sundays and the chief feasts with full service for the dead, and specially for the souls of the bishops of Bath and Wells, of the father and mother of the said Maud, her ancestors and successors, of the monks of Bath and canons and vicars of Wells, and of the parishioners of Batheneston; the prior and monks to present the vicar. Sealed by the bishop, and by the dean and chapter. Dated August 1258.

R.I. f. 104: repeated f. 105*d.* (where for Batheneston is written Baþeneston, and Baxeneston).

Testimonial of the chapter of Wells to John Brether (*dictus Frater*) late vicar of Wells, stating that he, being desirous while youth remains to perfect himself in literature by study in the schools, has voluntarily resigned his vicarage to the subdean by their leave. Dated St. Mark's day 1259.

R.I. f. 104.

Quitclaim by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to John de Britford chaplain and vicar of the cathedral church of Salisbury, and Hamon de Lysewy citizen of New Salisbury, of 10*s.* yearly rent which Master Peter de Wylton clerk used to pay them for his tenement in the city of New Salisbury held of Master Adam de Gissach late canon of Wells, that they and their heirs may have and receive the same of John Amis rector of Pidel his heirs or assigns, in consideration of 8 marks 10*s.* Witnesses: Geoffrey Hamelin, bailiff of Salisbury, Gilbert Chinne mayor, Brian de Baddestane and John the spicer coroners, Richard de Montepessulano and Roger de Stok' provosts, Nicholas de Sancto Quintino, Elyas Buche, Albinus the tanner, William Pinnoc, Stephen de Ford, Master Richard de Aune, Henry le Dun, Hamon the clerk citizens of Salisbury.

R.I. f. 104.

Inspeximus and consent, dated Wells, St. Prisca V. 1259, by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter, to the ordinance made by Giles bishop of Salisbury touching a question raised before divers judges by papal authority, between John de Button provost in the church of Wells rector of Assebyri in Salisbury diocese on the one part and Master Geoffrey de Feringes precentor of Chichester rector of Chiselden in the same diocese on the other part, and by divers their predecessors, concerning tithes, oblations, obventions, and parochial rights of the men and lands of Baddebyri, finally submitted to him by assent of William bishop of Bath and Wells patron of Assebyri and the abbot and convent of Hyde

patrons of Chiselden; namely that the cure of souls in Baddebyri shall pertain to the rector of Chiseldene, the inhabitants to receive all sacraments from that church, the rector to have all tithes great and small, etc., and pay yearly to the rector of Assebyri and his successors 50*s*. at Michaelmas on pain of 20*s*. towards the fabric of the church of Salisbury. Done the morrow of St. Luke 1259.

R.I. f. 104*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Wells, Innocents' day 1260, to letters patent of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, addressed to Master G. (in margin Gilbert) de Sancto Leophardo, expressing a desire to adopt him into the community (*collegium*) of the church of Wells when opportunity offers, and granting him a pension of 10 marks a year payable quarterly of the bishop's chamber until a prebendal benefice be provided for him; dated Dogemerefeld, vi kal. October 13 bishop [William].

R.I. f. 104*d*.

Provision made by the chapter, by assent of William bishop of Bath and Wells, that whereas by ancient dispositions of former bishops an account of the goods of the dean and chapter, especially of those belonging to the common fund, was taken once only at the end of the year, and equal division made of the surplus among the canons residing twenty six weeks at least, to the exclusion of others coming and abiding for a shorter time, the account be audited four times in the year, at Christmas, the Annunciation, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and Michaelmas, provided that at the Annunciation audit division be deferred until Easter, and each term the administrator shall have 50 marks of the manor of Norcury ready at the exchequer to divide among the canons who have made up their residence, and whatever shall be due of the farms or other rents within eight days after: for the time of residence, eight weeks in every term are laid down for the dean and principal parsons of the church of Wells, for the rest of the canons six weeks and four days, every separate term consisting of thirteen weeks, and a canon or dignitary not being allowed to make up in one term the residence not completed in another: the first term to be from the morrow of Michaelmas to the vigil of St. Silvester, the second from St. Silvester's day to the last day of March, the third from the first day of April to the last day of June, the fourth from the first day of July to Michaelmas day inclusive. Done in the chapter of Wells, iii non. March 1259, in presence of Edward the dean, Gilbert de Byham precentor, John Fortis chancellor, Hugh de Rumen[al] treasurer, John de Axebrig' subdean, Richard succentor of Wells, Master John Odelyn, John de Hereford, Walter de Cusynton, Samuel de Mell', Roger de Sapuwyk, Robert de Marescis, Richard de Haldesworth, Robert Giffard, Nicholas de Wautun, William de Pultun, Adam de Dorcestr', and Walter de Purl' canons.

R.I. f. 105.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated kal. July 1260, of a grant made by John de Button provost in the church of Wells and one of the canons to Walter de la Haya for his homage and service, of all his land of Cageber' within the close and without, namely that extending towards the said close on the south side and towards the hill, two acres on the west side of the said close in the bishop's field, and one acre of meadow in Wildemore, to hold of grantor and his successors at a yearly rent of 3*s*. payable quarterly; witnessed by Master J. de Axebr[igg] subdean of Wells, Nicholas de Cranford, Ralph de Lullinton canons of Wells, Valentine vicar of Welynton, Th[omas] de Gereberdeston, John de Bennecomb, John de Jordaneston, Richard son of Richer', Thomas le Waleys.

R.I. f. 105.

Grant of Geoffrey le Ferur of Wells to Sir Walter de Caticote chaplain vicar of Wells of his building (*fabrica*) with the seld on the north side thereof, and with all the sollar beyond the building, situate on the west side of the churchyard of St. Andrew, to hold to him his heirs and assigns of grantor his heirs or assigns, at a yearly rent of 6*d*. payable at the usual terms to the bishop as chief lord, and of 10*s*. on the anniversary of Isabel grantor's wife, namely the vigil of St. Gregory, to be distributed by the communar among the canons and vicars of Wells present at the service of the dead, but after grantor's death on the day of his anniversary, for his soul and the souls of Isabel and Edith his wives; with warranty, in consideration of 4 marks. Witnesses: Sir Peter prior of the hospital of St. John in Wells, Thomas de Lega brother there, Richard London, William Kardigan.

R.I. f. 105*d*.

Memorandum that whereas Geoffrey de Praule late vicar of Wells appeared in chapter, on the morrow of St. John Baptist 1262, craving the restoration to him of the vicarage held by Ralph son of the painter, or provision of a benefice of equal value, the said Geoffrey submitted himself to the dean and chapter, who appointed that, on the voidance of any vicarage to which they had power to collate, he should be admitted, provided his life and manners be approved, and if any canon should choose to present him he should be admitted. Sealed by the chapter.

R.I. f. 105*d*.

In August 1260, Master John Odeline canon of Wells, whose prebend is the church of Jatton, has bought 3*s*. payable yearly during his life to himself or his proctor, and after his death to his successor in the said prebend, by Peter prior of the hospital of St. John Wells, for 5 marks raised of the park of the said prebend which he caused to be assarted, the first payment to be made on the morrow of the Epiphany in the same year. Sealed by the parties.

R.I. f. 106.

Writing of Philip de Button, reciting that in January 1260 he obtained licence of the dean and chapter of Wells to have divine service in his chapel of Maulesberg', and their consent, with the assent of John vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells, that he should transmit all obventions in the said church at divine service to the mother church of St. Cuthbert, except one mass penny daily to be alone retained to the use of the chaplain, saving to the mother church the oblations of himself and family at the four great feasts, also customs which he is bound with his family to observe as other parishioners ; and for such consent he and his heirs are bound to have regard to the vicar of St. Cuthbert yearly in 2*s*. payable quarterly. Sealed by the dean and chapter in token of their consent.

R.I. f. 106.

Grant by the dean and chapter of Wells to Robert the spicer, for his homage and service, of one house with curtilage, excepting certain ground which Cristina Wakelyn holds of them, situate by the house of John Gymyn on the west side in the chamberlain's street which Walter the chamberlain gave towards his obit, to hold of grantors and their successors to the said Robert his heirs and assigns at a yearly rent of 3*s*. payable to their communar, and to the chief lord 6*d*. Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. Gregory's day 1260.

R.I. f. 106.

Similar grant of another house in the chamberlain's street adjoining that of Robert the spicer made to John Mogghe and his heirs the same year.

R.I. f. 106.

Inspeximus and consent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to William Malet for his service, of a house and one fardel of land in his manor of Ceddre late of William Wytand with one acre and a half of meadow, to hold of him and his successors with common of pasture during his life at a yearly rent of 3*s*. 8½*d*. payable quarterly, 2*d*. churchset, and 1*d*. of St. Peter for all demands saving suit of his court and hundred. Witnesses : Sir William Everard, Thomas de Baioc' knights, Sir Gilbert de Sar', William de Berners, William de Smalebrok.

R.I. f. 106*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated vi id. June 1261, to a grant made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to the prior and convent of Bath of the free election of a prior, whenever the office is vacant, from their own bosom or elsewhere, provided that licence to elect be sought of the bishop and his successors ; dated Dogesmerfeld, xiv kal. June 1261.

R.I. f. 106*d*.

Copy of a charter of the church of Ceddre Hole.

Grant by John the king's marshal in almoin to the church of St. Mary of Bradenestok and the canons there of the church of Ceddre for the soul of grantor, his father, brethren and his relations resting there. Witnesses (not named).

Another charter appeared by which William Giffard, son of Gilbert the king's marshal, was presented to the church of Ceddre Hole, who was admitted by Godfrey bishop of Bath.

R.I. f. 106*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated vi kal. October 1260, to an *inspeximus* and confirmation by William bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Dogemerefeld id. July 1260, of a grant and ordinance made by Adam master of the hospital of St. John Bath, the brethren and sisters, in memory of William de Wethamsted late provost of Cumba canon of Wells, that a secular chaplain to be maintained at their cost, or one of the brethren, should perform a special service daily for the soul of the said William in their chapel or infirmary, the commendation and mass before high mass, *placebo* and *dirige* afterwards, binding themselves under penalty of 40*s*. payable to the bishop: such chaplain or brother to be presented by them yearly to the bishop at his passage through Bath, this charter to be enrolled in their martyrology, with a note of the goods received by them from the said William and his executors, and read every year on his anniversary, when a solemn service should be performed, and the brethren and sisters present should receive 2*s*. for a pittance, to be levied of a seld which was of Estrilda in the market of Bath, and his name to be daily recited among the brethren and sisters and the poor in the infirmary: received from the said executors 53 marks 2*s*., wherewith have been purchased 1½ virgates at Tymbresbar', half a virgate at Litleton, one virgate at Halghetre and one fardel of land at Chestreblad: sealed in triplicate by the bishop and the chapters of Bath and Wells, one writing to remain in the bishop's treasury, a second in the treasury of Bath, the third in that of Wells: dated in their house at Bath, vii kal. October 1259.

R.I. f. 107.

Inspeximus and assent by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated xiv kal. July 1261, to an *inspeximus* and confirmation by William bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Dogemerefeld ii non. May 1261, of a grant made by John de Button provost in the church of Wells to Richard de Bagepath for his homage and service, of all the land with messuage and mill of Sutcherde with liberties and customs, which Robert the miller held, to hold of grantor and his successors to the said Richard and his heirs at a yearly rent of 23*s*. 4*d*. payable quarterly, and 1*s*. 4½*d*. at Martinmas; witnessed by Sir William de Staunton knight, Robert de Tattewrth, Thomas de Welinton, Henry de Hak'wll, Robert Avenel, Luke de Ponte:

the bishop saving to himself and his successors a yearly rent of 22*s*. payable quarterly, and 16*d*. at Martinmas to his larderer, also suit of his court of Cerde, and fencing of his park of Westbury.

R.I. f. 107.

Inspeximus and assent, by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Monday after St. James Ap. 1262, to a quitclaim made by William bishop of Bath and Wells to Sir Matthew de Stratton and his heirs of common of pasture in the said Matthew's lands of Cherlewode and Snedeston, so that they might enclose the same; in consideration whereof the said Matthew quitclaimed for himself and his heirs to the bishop and his successors the common of pasture he claimed in Derfold, Westbernette, Pleyham, Mulehammes, la Denemede, Langefurlang, Fulewellefurlang, Forhegge with meadow adjacent below Smaledone, saving that in Denemede after carrying the hay until the Purification, with warranty against all tenants, free or otherwise, of Evercriz and Stratton, except John le Rus of Lamiete; witnessed by Master Edward dean of Wells, John de Button provost of that church, Master Nicholas de Cranford, Sir Gilbert the chaplain, Richard de Baunfeld, Geoffrey de Stawell, Henry de Chaunflur.

R.I. f. 107*d*.

Mandate of W. bishop of Bath and Wells to Ph[ilip] bailiff of Wyvelescomb, to give seisin of 4 acres of land in the manor of Stoke Gummer with the advowson of the church, which the bishop has granted to the church of St. Andrew Wells and to the dean and chapter. Dated Chyu, iii id. September 15 bishop [William], by J. chancellor of Wells.

R.I. f. 107*d*. See f. 3*d*.

Quitclaim by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir John de la Pole vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells and his successors, of half a mark yearly payment of the altarage of the said church, which they used to receive, to increase one mark of the letting of the said vicar's houses which were of canon Richard de Bamfeld opposite the said church, which mark the vicar and his successors shall pay to the said Richard yearly at Christmas during his life, and after his death to them and their successors, to be divided by the communar among the canons and clerks present at the said Richard's anniversary. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iv kal. January 1262.

R.I. f. 107*d*.

Undertaking by E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter to give Master Simon de Mycham canon of Wells the refusal of the houses next to be vacant, those of Master Walter Giffard excepted; for that in ignorance of a deed of their predecessors, and in the belief that certain houses in Wells were at their disposal, being built on the soil of their church and bound thereto in an annual cess, they conferred them upon the said Master Simon, who could not hold them without prejudice to others. Dated Wells, v id. July 1264.

R.I. f. 107*d*.

Proceedings before Salomon de Roff' etc., justices in eyre at Winchester on the octave of St. Martin 8 Edward [I], upon a writ of *quo warranto* against Robert bishop of Bath and Wells as to his tenure of the boroughs of Axebrug', Ceddre and Wells, of the manors of Kyngesbury, Pukeleschurch and Cerde (*Cedder), all of the ancient demesne of the crown, of 50*s*. yearly rent of the hundred of Wythelegh (*Whytelegh) and one goshawk yearly due to the crown of a tenement which John de Hampton formely held in Baggeworth, of suits of the hundreds of Jatton, one third the town of Berton and two tithings in Hampton and Claverton twice a year at the sheriff's turn, damages 30*s*. ; also of the return of the king's writs *de namio vetito*, wreck of the sea, waifs, gallows, free warrens, amends of the assize of bread and ale ; also of the chattels of condemned persons and fugitives in his lands in Somerset. Mention of a writ to the said justices at Somerton ordering the record of all plaints between the king and the said bishop and his chapters to be sent before the king in the quinzaine of St. Martin, which were sent accordingly ; and further order to them at Winchester to have the same enrolled.

Answer of the bishop, that Ceddre is not a borough but a manor, that King John gave the manors of Axebrig' and Ceddre to Hugh de Well' archdeacon of Wells in fee farm at a rent of 20*l*. yearly to the Exchequer, and the said Hugh (afterwards bishop of Lincoln) gave the manor of Ceddre to Jocelin bishop of Bath, which gift King H[enry III] confirmed to him and his successors : the said Hugh gave the manor of Axebrug' to Thomas Walensis, and he to Maurice de Gaunt, who enfeoffed bishop Jocelin, to hold to him and his successors for ever, which gifts were confirmed by King H[enry III]. The town of Wells was the ancient demesne of the church of Wells, and King John granted that it should be a free borough. Charters produced, and held to be sufficient.

The manors of Kingesbury and Cerde found by inspection of Domesday book not to have been of the ancient demense of the crown. Enrolment produced, and judgment for the bishop.

As to the manor of Pokelescherch, there was long debate between the bishop's predecessors and the abbots of Glastonbury in the court of King H[enry III] of that and other manors ; and by licence of the now king's court a fine was levied between the bishop and J. abbot of Glastonbury, whereby the said manor, by the king's assent, should remain to the bishop and his successors. Fine produced : William de Gislegh[am] (for the king) told he may sue on another writ if he choose, judgment on this for the bishop.

As to the rent of the hundred of Whitelegh, the bishop claims nothing therein, for that the abbot of Glastonbury is seised thereof by the same fine. Judgment for the bishop, saving the king's right against the abbot.

As to the goshawk due of John de Hampton's tenement in Baggeworth, the said John used to render the same to the manors of Axebrug' and Ceddre as the service due of his tenement, which

manors the bishop holds as aforesaid: this William Gysleham (for the king) cannot gainsay. Judgment for the bishop.

As to the suits of the hundred of Jatton etc., King H[enry III] granted to the bishops of Bath and Wells that they, their men, and the men of their fees should be quit towards the king, his heirs, sheriffs, constables and bailiffs, of suits of shires and hundreds, mercies, aids, plaints and exactions to them pertaining: charter produced. Also by grant of the same king, the bishop and his predecessors had the return of the king's writs, plea *de namio vetito*, wreck of the sea, waifs, amends of the assize of bread and ale in all their lands, and no sheriff, constable or bailiff of the king should have entry or power therein, but all should belong to the bishops and their bailiffs, save attachments of pleas of the crown. Judgment for the bishop.

As to gallows King H[enry III] granted the bishop that he, the prior and monks of Bath and the dean and chapter of Wells should have throughout their lands infangenethef and utfangenethef: charter produced. Judgment for the bishop.

As to warren, charter of King H[enry III] produced, granting to bishop William and his successors free warren in the demesne lands of their manors of Evercriz, Cranemere, Woky, Blakeford, Congresbiry, Jatton, Chyw, Claverton, Hampton, Hywys, Kyngesbury, Cerde, Welyngton, Wyvelescomb and Lydiard county Somerset, their lands in the county of Gloucester, and their demesne lands of Dogemeresfeld county Southampton. Judgment for the bishop.

As to the chattels of condemned persons and fugitives in his lands, he produced a charter of King H[enry III] granting that if any man of his lands or fees, or of the church of Wells or Bath, should commit a crime or become a fugitive, the chattels should be of the bishop or his successors, without disturbance of the king's sheriff or bailiffs. Judgment for the bishop.

R.I. ff. 108-9: II. ff. 7*d*.-9, where the readings marked * are found.

Proceedings on a writ of *quo warranto* against the dean and chapter of Wells as to their tenure of the manor of Northcury, alleged to be of the ancient demesne of the crown: they said they could not answer without Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, whereupon the bishop came by his attorney, and produced a charter of King Richard, whereby he granted to St. Andrew Wells, Reginald then bishop and his successors for ever in frank almoin the manor of Northcury with the advowson and hundred, a charter of King John confirming that grant, and a charter of King H[enry III] confirming those of Richard and John. Judgment for the dean and chapter, saving the king's right to plead, etc.

R.I. f. 109*d*.: II. f. 9*d*.

Proceedings on a claim to the advowson of Cungresbiry made by William de Gysesham (*Gyselham) for the king against the dean and chapter of Wells. The defendants said they could not

answer without Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, whereupon the bishop came by his attorney, and pleaded a grant by King John to bishop Jocelin and his successors of the manor of Cungresbiry with the advowson in frank almoin, and produced the charter, also a charter of confirmation by King H[enry III]. Judgment for the dean and chapter.

R.I. f. 110: II. f. 10.

Bond of Robert prior of Berliz and the canons (in recompense for 5 ferlings of land in their manor of Morba, with villeins and all that goes with them, rents, services and escheats, purchased by Walter de Lechelade succentor of Wells, as executor of Ralph de Lolinton canon of Wells, of the abbess and convent of Godistowe for 35 marks, and since the same would be most profitable to them, conveyed by him to them and their successors) to pay 30*s.* yearly at Midsummer, St. Andrew, and the beginning of March to the communar of Wells for the soul of the said Ralph, secured especially upon the said 5 ferlings, of which 4 are in Svyrigge and one in Grimskeye (Grinnsheye) within (by) the said manor, and by a penalty of 10*s.* to the fabric of the church of Wells. Dated in chapter, the day of St. Edward K. and M. 1277.

R.I. f. 110: III. f. 177, where for *infra* is read *iuxta*.

Quitclaim by John Heuekyng' to Edward dean of St. Andrew Wells and the chapter and their successors, and to Walter Burnel vicar of the same, of a messuage in the suburb of Wells in a street leading to the Torr, between a messuage of the said John and one held by Nicholas de Benhangre of the dean and chapter, (whereof the said John has impleaded Richard de Button late precentor of Wells and the said Walter Burnel tenants of the dean and chapter on a writ of *mort d'ancestor* before Sir Henry de Monteforti and Sir Salomon de Roff' justices) in consideration of 4 marks. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Wyk knight, Richard de London, Thomas le Frank, Richard de Dultingcot, John de Garselode.

R.I. f. 110*d*.

Grant by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter Burnel of the houses with curtilage which were of Luke de Membury in Wells on the south side of the houses of Richard de Bamfeld at la Montorie, to hold for life of them and their successors at a yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the communar towards obits of the said Luke and of Alice Buche. Witnesses: Philip de Stanton precentor, Nicholas son of Nicholas treasurer, William le Rous subdean, Robert de Braundon, William de Welington, Hugh Everard, John de la Pole canons.

R.I. f. 111.

Letter of William bishop of Bath and Wells to Sir Andrew de Grymstede his steward revoking his appointment to the custody of the deanery of Welles during its vacancy by the death of Master Henry Huse* last dean, after consulting counsel in London, the

chapter having shewn by ancient instruments that they are entitled to the custody thereof by grant of former bishops. Dated London, ii id. December 1295.

R.I. f. 111.

* Note in margin : William Burnell. Huse was chancellor in 1301, and dean in 1302 : see f. 132*d*.

Visitation of the diocese of Bath and Wells by J. archbishop of Canterbury and primate, and confirmation of privileges granted by the bishops to the dean and chapter of Wells, liberties granted by kings and others, and of their lands etc., namely the manor, church and hundred of Northcury, with the land of Hacche and Wrentich, given towards their common fund by King Richard and King John and confirmed by King Henry [III] and bishops Reginald, Savaricus and Jocelin : the manor of Wynescomb with the church granted to increase their common fund by bishop Jocelin as an endowment of the church at its dedication : the church and one hide of land in Lovinton (80 acres in one field and 80 acres in another) and a messuage near the church to the size of a capital messuage given by Robert Kary (de Cary) formerly lord, and confirmed by bishop Reginald : the church of St. Cuthbert in the city of Wells granted towards the common fund by bishops Robert and Jocelin (saving a vicarage to which they present) : the church of Lydiard granted towards their common fund by bishops Savaricus and Jocelin : the church of Cungrebury granted to increase their common fund by bishop Jocelin : the churches of Mudiford and Ceddre towards their common fund by appointment of bishop Jocelin : 100*s*. yearly rent of the church of Karempton granted towards their common fund by bishops Reginald and Savaricus, the prior and convent of Bath, and Simon Buzun (Bozon) formerly patron : 35 marks yearly of the church of Chiwton to increase their common fund by appointment of bishop Jocelin, with the consent of the abbot and convent of Jumiéges patrons : 40*s*. a year of the church of Staweya towards their common fund by appointment of bishop Jocelin, with consent of the prior and convent of Goldeclive to whom it was appropriated : 60*s*. a year of the church of Nony granted towards their common fund by bishop Jocelin : 40*s*. of the church of Northton under Hamedon towards their common fund by appointment of bishop Jocelin, with assent of the abbot and convent of Gresteyn patrons : a mediety of the church of Wytecherech, Salisbury diocese, towards their common fund by appointment of Robert bishop of Salisbury and grant of bishop Jocelin the patron : 2*s*. yearly of the church of Brumfield in the archdeaconry of Tanton : the custody and fruits of prebends of Wells during vacancies granted by bishop Robert (beyond that which falls to the deceased canon by ancient custom) : two thirds of the sequestrations of vacant churches throughout the bishopric by grant of bishops Reginald and Jocelin : the barton of their common fund in the city of Wells by gift of bishop Reginald, free of rent save 12*d*. to the archdeacon : freedom from murders and amercements due to the king, sheriff, or his officers for the men, tenements and fees

of them and of every canon, by gift of bishop Jocelin: licence to pronounce sentence of excommunication or interdict upon those who infringe the rights of their church, or impose undue charges upon them, by indulgence of bishop Savaricus: 40*s*. yearly of the churches of Banewell and Westbury payable by the prior and convent of Briwton, to whom they are appropriated, to find one wax candle burning before the high altar of St. Andrew in the church of Wells, by appointment of bishop Reginald and grant of the said prior and convent: three wax candles every year on the vigil of St. Andrew before the high altar, (one of 3*lb*. the others of 2*lb*. each) of the land of Ralph Marere (Martre) in Dultingcote by gift of bishop Robert at the dedication of the old church: 10 marks yearly of the church of Chyw, and other 20 marks besides of the provostry of Cumba, †towards the daily celebration of the service of the Virgin with all the hours in the church of Wells, and further 10 marks yearly of the said provostry† towards the daily service of the dead there, goods given by bishops and others for these purposes, and portions for the vicars then present, according to the appointment of bishop Jocelin: 3 marks yearly of the church of Chiwton towards the light of the Virgin in the church of Wells by appointment of bishop Jocelin: an ordinance of bishop Jocelin by consent of J. dean of Wells and the chapter concerning the common fund and the commutation thereof: the houses formerly of Ralph Preciosus in the city of Wells, to be assigned to a canon resident, according to the charter of the said Ralph: those of Lambert de Well' with his land rent free, conferred by him and confirmed by bishop Savaricus: those of Roger the chaplain canon of Wells in the city, conferred by him, to be assigned to a canon resident: those of the said Roger (before him of Reginald de Waltham) for the use of the school in the city of Wells: those of Richard de Attebury canon, conferred by him, to be assigned to a canon resident: those of Elyas the chaplain canon of Wells, conferred by him, to be assigned to a canon resident: 2 marks yearly payable by the archdeacon to the treasurer towards eight wax candles burning on the footstool of the crucifix above the altar of St. Andrew during divine service at all the greater feasts, of the rent which the archdeacon used to pay to the bishop, conferred by bishop Jocelin: 60*s*. payable similarly towards the daily service of the dead at the altar of St. Kalixtus for the soul of dean P., in recompense whereof his executors, with consent of his heirs, gave to bishop Jocelin the land of Merlegh in the manor of Woky, as the said dean in his lifetime did: 100*lb*. of wax yearly of the church of Weston near Worspring (of the bishop's advowson by acquisition of bishop Jocelin) payable by the parson to the treasurer of Wells, of the gift of bishop Jocelin, towards a light in the church of St. Andrew: a site in the city of Wells next the houses formerly of Elyas the chaplain on the south, by gift of William Buche: and all their prebends, dignities, liberties etc., saving to the archbishop and his successors the dignity of metropolitan. Dated Mortelak, xvi kal. November 1281.

R.I. ff. 111*d*.-113: II. ff. 10-12: III. ff. 6, 7, where the words † † are omitted. See Reynolds, App. C. p. 122.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Thomas dean of Wells and the chapter, dated iii id. December 1289, of letters of Robert bishop of Bath and Wells stating that Godfrey Giffard bishop of Worcester and hereditary patron of the parish church of Boyton in Salisbury diocese, by appointment of the bishop of Salisbury and confirmation of the chapter of Salisbury, has assigned the said church to the support of four chaplains for ever celebrating there for the estate and preservation of the universal church, the king, the queen and their children, the estate of the realm, etc., and annexing thereto the chapel of Radene in his diocese by assent of the said bishop of Worcester the hereditary patron, saving the right of the bishop and archdeacon; dated London, vii kal. December 1289.

R.I. f. 113.

Statute of Jocelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, that upon the death or cession of the dean of Wells the chapter shall immediately notify the fact to the bishop and crave licence to elect another dean; whether their petition be granted, refused or postponed, they shall summon their brethren on a set day to elect, and present the elect person to the bishop for his confirmation; reciting that two persons have been thus elected in the bishop's own days to his knowledge, and others previously as he has been informed by clerks of the said church. Dated Bath, the feast of St. Basil 11 bishop Joceline.

R.I. f. 113*d*.—115 (f. 114 wanting).

Grant of Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, for himself and his successors, to the chapter of Wells for ever of the custody of the deanery when vacant. Done at Banewell, May 1246.

Inspeximus and assent to the above grant by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent. Dated Bath, in chapter, xiv kal. Sept. 1246.

R.I. f. 115.

[Memorandum that Master Th[omas] de Button dean of Wells and the chapter granted to Walter de la Roche for life a seld in Wells (Vell') in the high street which Augustine the cobbler formerly held of them, at a yearly rent of 4*s*. payable to the escheator of the said church towards the obit of Walter Huberd. Fine paid for entry 2*s*. Sureties for the said rent, John Fot and Augustine the cobbler. Dated Wells, Michaelmas 1289.]

R.I. f. 115 (cancelled).

Inspeximus and confirmation by the king, dated Norham, 4 June 19 Edward [I], and witnessed by J. archbishop of York and others named, of a grant made by Claricia prioress of St. Mary of Kyngton Monialium and the convent to Robert Burnel bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors of all their lands in West Compton, Aldeworthe, Hodicote and Nywenham counties Berks and Oxford, the hundred of Compton county Berks, and the pat-

ronage of the chapel of Hodicote in the parish of Westchildesl[ey], to hold in frank almoin, with warranty; witnessed by Sir William de Mortuo Mari, Sir Richard de Coleshulle, Sir Henry de Shotesbrok, Sir Roland de Eylee, Sir Thomas de Auuers, Sir John de Sancta Elena, Sir Richard de Pesye knights.

R.I. f. 115*d*. Charter Roll, No. 13; under date Devizes, September 16.

Charter of King Edward [I] granting to Robert bishop of Bath and Wells a market every Monday at his manor of Bishop's Lydeyard county Somerset, a six days' fair every year beginning on the vigil of the Nativity of St. Mary, and another six days' fair beginning on the vigil of the Annunciation. Witnesses: J. archbishop of York and others named. Dated Norham, 7 June 19 Edward [I]

R.I. f. 116: III. f. 344*d*. Charter Roll, No. 46.

Memorandum that the prior and convent of Wrspring are bound to pay the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar half a mark at Michaelmas for the soul of R. Lollinton under penalty of 20*s*. to the fabric of the church: also at the four terms is due to them 16*s*. of the rent of houses at Merkisbury—all to the use of the poor for the soul of R. Lollinton, etc.

R.I. f. 116.

Memorandum that the dean and chapter of Wells received of Master S. de Micham dean of Salisbury, ix kal. September 1291, the book of Hugh *De Sacramentis* and the book of Beda *De Temporibus*. These books the said Master S. had upon a bond in writing, which was given back to Walter de Merleburge clerk to deliver to him. Also of the bequest of Master John called Fortis late chancellor of Wells, the book of Augustine *De Civitate Dei* in one volume, his *Epistolae* in another, the book of Damascenus, the *Speculum Gregorii* and other books of Augustine bound up in a third volume.

R.I. f. 116*d*.

Memorandum that xvi kal. June 1292, in the chapter of Wells, the precentor, chancellor, William de Welynton, Walter Burnel, and John de Wymborn gave the houses late of Sir William de Cherleton by the Montori to Master Thomas archdeacon of Bath.

R.I. f. 116*d*.

Gift by Robert prior of Staverdale of the order of St. Victor and the convent to John de Axebrygg' subdean of Wells of a rent of 30*s*. a year payable quarterly in the great church of Wells during his life, and after his decease to the dean and chapter, so that it be delivered by the communar to a vicar appointed by the subdean celebrating daily at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen for the soul of the said John, with bond for payment: for this grant the subdean gave 40 marks to buy one virgate of land at Churchelesham in the parish of Wyncanton which was of Nicholas de Stanhuse. Sealed also by W. bishop of Bath and Wells: dated xiii kal. August 1263.

R.I. f. 116*d*.: III. f. 127.

Gift by John de Trubrugg' (Troubrigg') master of St. Mark of Bylleswyk (Hileswyk) by Bristol and the brethren to the dean and chapter of Wells (in consideration of 90 marks of them received and spent in the acquisition of a rent and in liquidation of debts) of 63*s*. 4*d*. yearly of the revenues of their house payable to them or their communar, 26*s*. 8*d*. at Christmas and 36*s*. 8*d*. at St. Barnabas, whereof 53*s*. 4*d*. shall be delivered quarterly to a chaplain to celebrate for the soul of John de Hereford late canon of Wells, and the residue divided among the clerks of that church present at his anniversary (the said sum being part of his goods, in accordance with his will); and bond for payment, with penalty of 20*s*. towards the fabric of the church of Wells, secured upon their manors of Poulet and Stocland and other possessions in county Somerset. Sealed by the grantors, the bishops of Bath and Wells and of Worcester. Dated in chapter at St. Mark, Friday after St. James Ap. 1272.

R.I. f. 117: III. f. 386.

Gift by John prior of Worspryng of the order of St. Victor and the college or convent to the subdean of Wells, (for the souls of William de Wethamstede provost of Cumba and Alexander de Bamfeld canons of Wells their benefactors, and for 100 marks provided by the executors of the said William and Alexander for the purpose, wherewith they have redeemed a yearly rent of 4*l*. 10*s*. which they were bound to pay to Sir Henry de Engayn knight and his heirs for the manor of Wrle,) of 53*s*. 4*d*. a year towards the maintenance of a chaplain to celebrate for the souls of the said canons at the appointment of the subdean, namely 50*s*. to his use and 3*s*. 4*d*. towards wax for the purpose aforesaid, payable quarterly to the subdean or communar under penalty of 20*s*., with bond for payment, and undertaking to perform a service in their own house on the morrow of St. Vincent with *placebo* and *dirige* in the choir for ever, and provide a pittance to the value of 4*s*. to be divided among themselves and the poor. This instrument in duplicate, one pair to remain with the subdean, the other in the treasury of Wells. Sealed also by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, and with the seal of his officiality. Dated in chapter, xvii kal. September 1266.

R.I. f. 118: III. f. 178.

Memorandum that on Wednesday after the Translation of St. Andrew 1295, after ringing the bell to assemble the chapter, etc., those present demised their manor of Wynescumb with the church to farm to William Burnel dean of Wells, who at their request had demised the farm of their grange of Wells, which had been granted him, to the relief of the church and chapter, in gratitude for which he had a promise of the farm next vacant: to be put in possession by Thomas de Benhangre communar and Philip de Odiham their escheator, and to pay 110 marks at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 118*d*.

Memorandum that on Ascension day 1310 leave was granted by the dean and chapter to Master Th[omas] de Luggore chancellor of Wells to go to the king's court on the business of his dignity and the church of Wells, and be counted as resident for three weeks from the date of his departure.

R.I. f. 119.

Memorandum that the same day provision was made for felling trees and taking timber from Wynescumb towards making organs.

R.I. f. 119.

Memorandum that on Monday the feast of St. Valentine 1311, an ordinance was made by the dean and chapter that there be no confirmation by the chapter of any charter of houses, lands, rents, etc., granted by the bishops save only for life of the grantee and his wife.

R.I. f. 119.

Lydiard: Hundred court, Michaelmas turn: Thursday, St. Martin Bp. 8 bishop J., 10 Edward II.—Whereas, by information of the homage of Bishops Lydiard, the bishop, being at Lydiard on Thursday the vigil of St. Lambert 10 Edward [II], had heard that the lord's ox pasture was overburdened by the parson's oxen, and ordered Sir John de Clyvedon his steward to make inquisition, the said steward this day took inquisition by all the homage, who say that the parson should have 8 oxen pasturing with the bishop's oxen: the bishop's oxen should pasture with the parson's in all his lands in the open time, save the garden and a meadow called Langemede; and further by the oath of twelve free men, namely Robert de Herpford, Robert Daledich, John de Dene, Walter de Hull, Nicholas de Ponte, Gilbert de Childecote, Walter le Frye, William de Membury, John de Crydilond, John de Bekynton, William le Taillur, Matthew le Bolour, Thomas le Clerk, who say the parson should have 8 oxen (as above), and the bishop should have no common in the parson's lands. The steward ordered the bailiff, reeve and hayward to allow the parson his common as usual.

R.I. f. 119.

Concerning residence of dignitaries and other canons.—Intimation by the subdean and chapter of Wells that in an ancient book of customs they find, under the rubric *Ordo presbiterorum*, the offices of dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer; in another the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, subdean and succentor to be continually resident; in a statute of Jocelin that residence, so far as concerns a share in the residue at the end of the year, is interpreted for canons as residence in the town during half the year, for the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer during two thirds of the year: these four parsons must be priests. Dated in the chapter of Wells, non. May 1313.

R.I. f. 119. Register of bishop Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 25.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Peter and St. Paul 1313, Ralph de Windelzore canon and prebendary of Wells was inducted to the prebend of Wedmore the fourth by Nicholas Burnel clerk his proctor.

R.I. f. 119*d*.

Receipt of John dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Thomas de Herkelee (*sic*), Master Anthony de Bradenye and Richard de Rodenye executors of Master William de Marchia late bishop of Bath and Wells for 100 marks, which he bequeathed for a subsidy to the Holy Land, deposited in the church of Wells for safe custody until the next general passage to the Holy Land, according to the decree of Robert archbishop of Canterbury. Dated in the chapter of Wells, vii id. September 1311.

R.I. f. 119*d*.: repeated f. 132 (where the name is Berkeleye).

Bond of John bishop of Bath and Wells to John dean of Wells and the chapter for 100 marks lent to him, of the money of bishop W. his predecessor in their custody, bequeathed in aid of the Holy Land, to be repaid at Easter next. Dated London, 13 September 1311.

R.I. f. 119*d*. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 43.

Acquittance by the dean and chapter of Wells (subcollectors deputed by the bishop in the city and diocese of Bath and Wells of the six years' tithe imposed by Pope Clement V to the aid of the Holy Land) to Master Robert de Haselschawe provost of Wells and William de Lauton canon, who have collected 200*l*. to be deposited in the church of Wells, according to the papal mandate, by Sir Richard de Pencriz (substitute for the provost) and the said William. Dated in the chapter of Wells, v non. May 1314, in presence of the dean, precentor, subdean, Hugh de Pencriz succentor, Anthony de Bradenye, Master John de Bruton, William de Cherleton, Thomas de Haselschawe, Peter de Bremyngcourt, William de Lauton.

R.I. f. 119*d*.

Acquittance by John bishop of Bath and Wells (collector of the above tithe) to the dean and chapter of Wells, his subcollectors, for 200*l*. Dated Chyw, id. April 1314.

R.I. f. 119*d*.

Letter of John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Thomas de Herkele (*sic*), stating that they are impeached by Master William de Balete the papal nuncio concerning the 100 marks deposited with them by Sir Thomas and the other executors of William la Marche late bishop of Bath, and are required to pay the same in London three days after the Ascension; and praying his presence and aid that day at the residence of the dean of St. Paul, and an answer by the bearer.

R.I. f. 119*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John dean of Wells and the chapter. dated v id. May 1314, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Master William de la Ford of Jatton canon of Wells and William called le Bonde of Jatton clerk, of a messuage and half a virgate of land in Jatton which Walter de la Ford father of Master William held, to hold for their lives of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 15*s*. 6*d*. at Michaelmas, with warranty; witnessed by Sir John Randelf knight, Thomas Alwi bailiff of Wells, William le Veil, Sir Stephen de la More knight, John de Ken, William de Aure, Nicholas de Ken, Nicholas Bynetheweie, Richard Maloisel, Henry le Lange de Reu; and dated Woky, v id. April 1314.

R.I. f. 120.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Monday after St. Luke 1313, of a grant made by Master Thomas de Gorges precentor of Wells to Ralph de Stodlegh for 12*l*. of a messuage and fardel of land in Pulton containing 13 acres 1 rood arable land, 1⅓ acre meadow, whereof 1½ acre on the north side of the town is enclosed by a stone wall, 1½ acre 1 rood lies at Wolwardesbergh between land of John Uppehulle and land late of Richard Wolfrich, 1 acre above Wordeforde between land of William de Boreford and of John de Cadelesford, 1 acre called Fordeacre between land of grantor and the watercourse by the meadow, 1 acre in Middilforlang between land of Adam Boueweie and of Alice Parle, half an acre in Boreforlang between land of Ralph atte Brok and of Richard atte Churchegate, half an acre called Gildene helfacre between land of Richard le Wyte, 1½ acre in the south field above Bosonesheye, 2½ acres in the *cultura* called Uppehulle, 1 acre upon Southeclyve between land of Adam Boueweye and land late of Adam the parson, half an acre by Hourcdesmede between land of John Poleyn and of Roger le Maan, half an acre of meadow in Roghemede, half an acre in the abbot of Glastonbury's park, and ⅓ acre by Depelake between the meadow of Stephen Henry and of Walter atte Broke, to hold for his life of grantor and his successors by the free service of 1*lb*. of cumin yearly at Michaelmas, with warranty; dated Wells, Wednesday after St. Thomas Ap. 5 Edward II, and witnessed by John Samuel, John Polayn, Robert de Folebrok, Walter Baudri, William de Molendino, Thomas de Gatewike, Thomas de Westleigh, Roger de Wottone.

R.I. f. 120.

Receipt of the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Henry rector of Burnham for 8*l*. 10*s*., in part payment of a yearly pension of 10*l*. of that church granted by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, for Michaelmas term 1314; and allowance of 10*s*. by him paid to the abbot of Glastonbury as the second term's tithe thereof for the business of the Holy Land imposed by Pope Clement V for one year, and of 20*s*. paid them for both terms of the first year as collectors of the six years' tithe similarly imposed. Dated Wells, iii kal. October 1314.

R.I. f. 120.

Similar receipt for 9*l.* for Michaelmas term 1315, and allowance of 20*s.* paid them as collectors in the city and diocese of Bath and Wells of a year's tenth granted to the king by the clergy for defence of the church and realm of England and the repulse of the Scots. Dated Wells, iii kal. October, 1315.

R.I. f. 120.

Grant by John de Godelee dean of the cathedral church of Wells and the chapter to William le Veyl, Dionisia his wife, and Thomas their eldest son, of a close called Gildenehurste and 2 acres of arable land in the manor of Welles and 1 acre of meadow in Watton in the manor of Pulton, all late of Robert Burnel vicar of the said church, to hold for their lives of them and their successors at a yearly rent of 13*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly, with warranty. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 11 July 10 Edward II *intrante.* Witnesses: Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Thomas de Welles Legh knights, Robert de Wodeford, Edmund de Welleslegh, William atte Withegh, Nicholas de Palton, Adam de Cheleworth, William atte Hokerstone.

R.I. f. 120*d.*

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Thomas Ap. 1318, Simon de Cherde was admitted a vicar of the cathedral church.

Memorandum that on v non. July 1319, John de Boreford was similarly admitted.

R.I. f. 120*d.*

Dilapidations of the houses of the dean and chapter, assessed by Sir John de Wythlakington, Sir Robert de Derby, Sir Hugh de Lymigton, Sir Robert Burnel, Sir Robert de Avebury and Sir Roger de Collyford, Monday before St. Simon and St. Jude 1316.

Robert de Derby, house at the gate by the Thorre in good repair.

Nicholas Plecy, dilapidations 13*s.* 4*d.*

John Coterel late deceased, 2 marks.

William de Immere, in good repair, except a wall between him and William de Bath[onia] the elder: doubtful whether the wall belongs to one or both.

William de Bathonia the elder, 40*s.*

Sir William de Cloppecote, in the roofing of the new chamber 2*s.*, of the stable 3*s.*, repairs of the hall 6*s.* 8*d.*, louvre of said hall 2*s.*, porch 2*s.*, kitchen to be rebuilt (28 ft. by 15ft.) 8 marks, repairs of hall chamber 2*s.* 6*d.*

Sir Thomas de Benhanger late deceased, 10*s.*

Thomas de Kelmescote, Peter de Brennygtoht', the chancellor at la Montorie, William de Westbury, William de Esdene, John de Wythlakinton in good repair.

The provost, precentor, Robert de Gloucestria, John de Miltone, Robert de Olveston, William de Borne in reasonable repair.

R.I. f. 120*d.*

Memorandum that on Saturday after the octave of the Epiphany 1316, the chapter granted that J. de Godelee the dean be counted as resident while engaged upon a plea raised against him, they believe, by writ of novel disseisin concerning common of pasture in the moor of Merk and Wedmore, and while at Northcury about the settlement of Cnappe mill.

R.I. f. 120*d*.

Memorandum that on the day of St. Augustine the great 1317, Adam de Sutton was made perpetual vicar in the church of Wells. Form of oath.

Luke de Harpetre similarly, on the vigil of St. Bartholomew the same year.

R.I. f. 120*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated in full chapter, Wednesday after Michaelmas 1296, to an agreement concerning the metes and bounds of their lands upon Menedep hill made between William bishop of Bath and Wells and Joan de Vyvona lady of Chyweton on Sunday after the Nativity of the Virgin 1295, in presence of Master Peter de Insula canon of Wells official of the bishopric and Andrew de Grymstede steward on the bishop's part, Sir Henry de Somery her steward and Walter Tonere of her household (*commensalis*) on the lady's part with full powers; namely from a place called Sourappledorestok to Seluerputte, thence to the gallows which serve for the [liberty] (in text *liberati*) both of the bishop and of the lady; from Sourappeldorestok westward to Fayrewell, thence to Boefolde, Nigheberewes, Stondenestones, Greteholeweberewes, Scholdeputtes, and Oldedyche by the croft of Ralph de la Pole of Pridie, saving to the bishop and his men common of pasture on either side as of old time; witnessed by Sir Geoffrey de Stawell, Sir Richard de Enmebergh, Sir Richard de Ryparii's, Sir Bartholomew Peytevyn knights, William de Welington, Henry de Ponte canons of Wells, John de Fraxino of Stonyeston, Adam Canon, Richard de Kynemersdon.

R.I. f. 121.

Master W. de Winton, received iii kal. June 1298, Robert de Avebiry, and William de Inmer', because they have not an agreeable voice, to be diligent and know the psalter and other things belonging to the service of the church within a year under the statutory penalty.

Injunction the same day to Sir John Male, Richard de Chepmaneslade, [Maurice de . . .], Robert de Chidingfold, Gilbert de Welewe, Master John de Congresbyri, Richard de Mora, to know their psalter and service within a year, because they have not a pleasing voice.

R.I. f. 121*d*. The name in [ ] erased.

Memorandum that xvii kal. January 1298 was installed Master William de Molendinis archdeacon and canon of Wells by proxy.

R.I. f. 121*d*.

Memorandum that on Monday the morrow of Pentecost 1298, it was resolved by the dean and chapter that William de Bathonia vicar in the church of Wells receive no stipend or allowance but 2 marks until 12*l*. 5*s*. in which he was condemned by them be paid towards the fabric of the church.

R.I. f. 122.

Memorandum that the same day the farm of Stok'gomer was granted to the dean, and the farm of Lydiard to Sir Henry de Ponte ; the prebend of Wyvelescumb sold to Master H. Heese for 20 marks ; and the next farm vacant of about the value of Lideyard granted to W. the succentor. (Signed) P. de Insula.

R.I. f. 122.

Memorandum that xvii kal. January 1298 was installed Master William de Molendino archdeacon of Tanton *per magistrum Arnaldum de mag'ro Rius procuratorem suum.*

Memorandum that xiv kal. December 1297, the prebend of Master William de Saredene was conferred upon Master John de Bestan.

4 non. June 1299, Master Anthony de Bradeney was installed in the prebend of Eston.

Thursday in the week of Pentecost the same year, Master John de Lacy was installed in the prebend of Corsley.

Saturday before the Nativity of St. John Baptist, Theobald de Grandissono was installed in the bursal prebend which was of Master John de Lacy, by Sir Robert de Cumberwell his proctor.

St. Lucy 1299, Master Th[omas] de Cobbeham was installed in the prebend called Wedmore *secunda*, by Master Walter de Hunstane his proctor.

The day following, Richard de Tydulside his vicar was deprived by sentence for manifest faults.

Sunday after the Circumcision 1299, Master Peter de Dene was installed in the prebend of Cuddewrthe by proxy.

1300, Master William de Molendino was installed in the archdeaconry of Tanton and personally sworn.

1301, viii kal. October, Sir John de Godele was installed by proxy in the prebend of J. de Metingham.

The same year, ix kal. November, Hugolinus son of Sir Francis de Iteranna was installed in the prebend of Cumpton by collation of Boniface VIII.

R.I. f. 122.

Inspeximus and assent by John de Godeleye dean of Wells and the chapter, dated iii kal. August 1306, to a charter of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells appropriating to the master, brethren and sisters of the hospital of St. John Bristol and their successors one portion of the church of Bacwell of their patronage, by consent of Sir Thomas atte Wynch of Bristol rector thereof and the chapters of Bath and Wells, saving due maintenance for the vicar, to be presented by the said master and brethren ; dated Wells, vi kal. August 1306.

R.I. f. 122*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Thursday before the Nativity of St. John Baptist 1 Edward II, of a grant made by the said dean to Richard de Rodenye and Lucy his wife and the heirs of their bodies, of a messuage and three fardels of land and meadow in the town of Merke, at Merkham and Rodenye, which William de Rodenye held of him and his predecessors, to hold of the dean and his successors in severalty at a yearly rent of 5*s*. 11½*d*. in free socage doing fealty, and every heir at the first fealty after the death of his ancestor shall double the rent of one year for his relief or heriot, and if under age his next kinsfolk shall have the custody to his use, with warranty ; witnessed by Baldwin de Contevile, John de Hamptone, Philip le Ireys, Nicholas de Modeslegh, John Manschup, John Perys, Roger de Welyngtone.

Headed '*Confirmacio de Rodenye in Wedmorlond apud Merkeham.*'

R.I. f. 123.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Thursday before St. John Baptist 1 Edward II, of a grant made by Walter de Haselschagh bishop of Bath and Wells to Richard de Rodenye for his good service, of the beadelry of Winterstoke, so that he may appoint any substitute to perform summonses, attachments, distraints and executions, and all precepts of the bishop's courts and exchequer within the hundred of Wynterstoke, to hold to the said Richard and the heirs of his body of the bishop and his successors, with warranty ; dated Kyng', Wednesday before the Nativity of St. John Baptist 1 Edward II, and witnessed by Sir Thomas de Gornay, Sir John de Button, Sir John de Bello Campo knights, John de Hamptone, Philip le Ireys, Baldwin de Contevile, John Howel, Adam le Hundredman de Jattone.

R.I. f. 123*d*.

Memorandum that on Thursday next [the Sunday] on which is sung *salus populi* 1308, the chapter granted that J. de Godele the dean be counted as resident all the time he was in London before Christmas upon the business of the church of Wells, and when next in London upon the like business.

R.I. f. 124.

Memorandum that in 1362 a dispute arose between John Lombard canon of Wells rector and prebendary of the prebend of Estharpetre plaintiff, and John Deverose lord of Estharpetre, John Hardewyke and Jordan Crey his tenants defendants, touching a parcel of wood in Bokele wood, and a road 24 feet in breadth from the highway to Wells from Estharpetre through an enclosure called Mareyslond held by Hardewyk and then through another called Sprottyslond held by Crey to the boundary stones between Sprottislond and a piece of the rector's land lying between the said stones and Tynacres ; also touching common of pasture in Sprottislond and Mareislond, all which plaintiff claimed as the right of his church and prebend. By mediation of friends, with consent of the parties, on the feast of St. John and St. Paul that year a view was taken by Simon Wydecomb, John Shephurde, John Dodemede, William Randolf, Henry Pound aged 80, Jordan Pound, John Loryng, John Fryclerk, Henry Webbe, and Walter Hayward, who found on oath that plaintiff's predecessors held the wood etc. time out of mind until Thomas Gorneye lord of Estharpetre by Alan Boneton his tenant there caused the said lands to be enclosed. Agreement that plaintiff should hold the same, as Richard Thysteldene and Lawrence Weston former prebendaries did in the time of Thomas Gorney, Thomas ap Adam and other ancestors of the lords of Estharpetre.

R.I. f. 124.

1295. Whereas a dispute between William de Bathonia and Jordan de Watteneya vicars in the church of Wells was brought before Walter dean of Wells and the chapter touching two tallies, one of 12*l.* 5*s.* the other of 4*l.*, which the said W. said he had delivered to the said Jordan of the tithe of the prebends granted by the dean and chapter to the fabric of the church of Wells, the said Jordan on oath denied the first but acknowledged the other, wherefore he was condemned to pay 4*l.* within a month after Easter ; as to the first, the said William brought forward Philip de Odiham and Robert Burnel vicars as witnesses, who failed in the proof, and he was condemned in 12*l.* 5*s.*, but at his humble petition was allowed to pay 40*s.* yearly, and found sureties.

R.I. f. 125.

Whereas there was a dispute between the same persons touching one mark payable to the fabric from the prebendal church of Boclande, the said Jordan answered that he paid the said W. 117*s.* of the money of Master W. de Luda prebendary thereof for dilapidations therein ; and the said W. acknowledges the receipt of that sum, but says that Master W. de Luda gave to Master Henry de Newerk now prebendary there all the goods there at the time of the vacancy, but he has only words to shew, while Jordan affirms on the oath of the priesthood, and promises that within three weeks of the arrival of Master W. de Luda in England he will bring letters testifying that he made no such gift, and letters of the said Henry on the subject, or else pay the money, and is condemned in those terms.

R.I. f. 125.

Friday after St. Juliana. Whereas previously, in presence of the dean and chapter, it was ordained that the farm of Wynescumb, as soon as Master Philip de Stanton ceased to hold it, should go to the joint use of the canons resident in the church of Wells, as the manor of Northcury, and appeal was made by Master Robert de Gloucestria that nothing be done to the contrary, although the farm was granted to Master William Burnel dean of Wells, yet after, by consent of Walter dean of Wells and the chapter, it was ordained that when the said William ceased to hold the farm, it should go to the joint use of the canons resident.

R.I. f. 125*d*.

Ordinance in the chapter of Wells on the day of St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 1295, assigning examiners to the undermentioned vicars, under the penalty contained in the statute of the vicars' admission, and that two should dwell together by Michaelmas under the statutory penalty.

Adam de Hereford examiner for William de Clune, William de Westbury, William de Bathonia, and John de Ivelcestria priests: to receive from each pupil of above one year's standing 2*s*. through the communar.

Adam de Clutton for William de Wygornia, Nicholas de Plessy, Richard Marie and John de Wittenye priests.

Philip de Odiham for John de Fordham, Robert le Mercer, Robert de Pola priests, Robert de Chillam, and Richard de Tydolfhishide.

Stephen de Surreye for John de Gungresbiry (*sic*), John de Sancto Edwardo, Reginald Burnel, and Richard Bake.

Robert Burnel for Richard de Mora, Benedict, and John Coterel.

R.I. f. 125*d*.

'*Correctiones*.'

Memorandum that xii kal. March 1297 William de Wygornia vicar in the church of Wells, having been several times convicted of incontinence with Alice le Mazon, promised to avoid suspicious places under pain of losing his vicarage.

Nicholas de Plescy vicar, for intercourse with Cristina de Bristollia, by whom he had children, bound himself similarly.

Injunction of same date to all vicars to dwell at least two together by the feast of St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas; and to render the service due to their examiners by that term.

Ordinance of same date by the dean and chapter that the great door of the church under the belfry towards the cloister be closed day and night, save for a procession or other necessary cause; and the two doors of the Karole on either side the choir be closed at night, but that towards the library be open from the first stroke of matins until at the third stroke the choir door be opened, and the said door be always closed by day because of the damage done by strangers to the books of the church, and to exclude laymen from hearing the secrets of the chapter, unless opened by order of

one of the canons; the choir door to be closed and locked by the sacrist after *gloria patri* of the first psalm while matins are said, unless for reasonable cause; the door towards the chapel of the Virgin in the cloister, because of the necessary chamber, to be opened every night while matins are said.

R.I. f. 126. (See Church, *Early History*, p. 325).

Thursday the vigil of St. Lawrence 1296, Master John de Lacy asserting that W. bishop of Bath and Wells had granted him the use of buildings late of Master Philip de Stanton precentor, and Sir Hugh Everard had granted him the use thereof so far as belonged to him, subject to maintenance etc., the chapter does not intend to discharge any who is bound to repair the said houses.

(Note in margin: This is the lodging which Hillare the bishop's receiver has.)

R.I. f. 126*d*.

Note of those present at several obits.

Obit of the dean of Salisbury:
- John de Mertock
- Roger de Wymborne minor [struck out, note: '*non est hic*']
- Roger de Wimborne major
- William de Northwode, on condition of good behaviour [note: '*recessit*']

The next obit (Buton):
- Philip Jaket
- John de Frome
- Roger de Cornubia [struck out: '*recessit*']
- Petibon

Obit of Philip de Schales:
- Edward [struck out]
- John de Frome
- Mertok
- Cornubia [note: '*non est hic*']

Obit of John de Wymburn:
- Welewe ['*recessit*']
- Hembury
- Petibon
- Wymburne major

Obit of Malcolm:
- *Duo parvi fratres de Duddele*
- Mertok
- Wymburne major

Obit of Iterius:
- Hemburi
- Edward
- Roger Scutthis ['*recessit. Rages loco eius.*']
- Petibon

Obit of Thomas de Sodinton :
John de Cuddeworth
John de Frome
William de Brug'
Philip Jaket
Obit ii kal. June 1299 :
Hugh Everard [underlined : '*ob.*']
Alexander de Merkesburi
Thomas de Doddeleg'
John de Mertok
Roger de Wymbourne
Wellington, vi id. April 1300 :
Richard de Bokenhull
Alexander de Merkesbyri
John de Tanton
William de Brug'
Obit of John Louel, xvii kal. August 1300 :
John de Hembyri
R. de Rages
J. de Cuddeworth
Nicholas de Well'
Obit of Master Peter de Insula, ix kal. February 1302 :
Alexander de Merk'bury
John de Codeworth
John de Wellyngton
John Scot.

R.I. f. 126*d*.

Memorandum that on Friday after St. Denis 1309, it was granted by the chapter of Wells that J. the dean be counted as resident while hastening to the bishop elect for the business of the church, namely the pension of Burnham, etc.

R.I. f. 126*d*.

Grant by J. dean of Wells and the chapter to W. de Bliburgh canon of their next vacant farm, as though he had hitherto been resident in the said church. Dated in the chapter of Wells, x kal. December 1311.

Similar grant of same date, with one clause omitted.

R.I. f. 127.

Ordinance of William bishop of Bath and Wells, addressed to the prior and convent of Bryweton of the order of St. Augustine, reciting the petition of Thomas de Button bishop of Exeter, lately dean of Wells, and by consent of the chapters of Bath and Wells and of Sir Geoffrey de Lucy rector of Cilterne (Chilterne), appropriating to the convent of Bruweton (which being situate by the public street is daily crowded with the poor and needy) the church of Cilterne (Chilterne) of the patronage of the said Thomas (not by reason of his bishopric) after the death or cession of the said Geoffrey, saving a vicarage therein at their presentation, and subject to a yearly payment of 12 marks in the cathedral of Wells

to the dean and chapter or their communar at Easter and Michaelmas, 5 marks thereof to the maintenance of a chaplain to celebrate daily mass at the altar of St. Nicholas in the chapel of the Virgin in the cloister for the said Thomas and the souls of John his brother (*germanus*) late provost of Wells and of Nicholas formerly treasurer there, 3*s*. 4*d*. to maintain the ornaments and other necessaries for the said chantry, to which bishop Thomas during his life shall present a chaplain, and afterwards the dean shall provide for his election of the vicars of the said church, 46*s*. to be divided in the choir among the canons and vicars present on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude during the life of bishop Thomas at a celebration for him and the said John and Nicholas, and afterwards at his obit on the anniversary of his burial, 12*d*. yearly to the sacrist for sounding the gong, 40*s*. yearly to the fabric of the church of Wells, 2*s*. yearly to the archdeacon in recompense of his third part of the sequestrations of the church of Cilterne, and 12*d*. to the communar for his labour, saving the rights of the archdeacon and the bishop. Dated Woky, ii kal. May 1301.

R.I. f. 127: III. f. 127*d*.

Grant by W. dean of Wells and the chapter to Philip de Odiham vicar in the church of St. Andrew of the church of Suthbarewe to farm so long as he be vicar for 5 marks a year payable quarterly, grantors bearing archidiaconal and extraordinary charges, and granting the first year's farm towards building a grange and repairing the church houses. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xvii kal. April 1298.

R.I. f. 128.

Will of Lucy Lundreys, by consent of Nicholas her husband, dated Tuesday after St. Valentine 1298, desiring to be buried in the churchyard of St. Cuthbert Wells, bequeathing to the vicar 12*d*., the parochial chaplain 6*d*., two clerks 4*d*., to every chaplain celebrating there 2*d*., towards an obit for her husband and herself in the church of St. Andrew by the canons and vicars 6*s*. 8*d*., to the sacrist 4*d*. yearly for sounding the gong, to St. Cuthbert's one cistern, to the service of St. Mary there 12*d*. yearly, to the vicar 6*d*. yearly and the parochial chaplain 4*d*. yearly towards an obit for her husband and herself, towards the maintenance of a wax candle before the image of St. Mary in the church of St. Andrew by the altar of the Holy Saviour 5 sheep, to her husband a buckle of gold, and a girdle of silk woven with gold and harnessed with silver, to the fabric of Christ Church Canterbury 12*d*., to the image of St. Mary in the chapel behind the high altar in the church of St. Andrew a kerchief of silk value 5*s*., to Margery 'my sister' a supertunic and hood, to Agnes 'my daughter' a supertunic and tunic, to Clarice 'my sister' a robe, hood and girdle, to Joan 'my sister' a buckle of gold, to Agnes 'my sister' a tunic, fur gown and rochet, to Sir Robert vicar of Codecumb a cloth towel and cup of mazer with twelve heads fixed therein, to Thomas le Proest and Agnes his wife a brass pot, dish, and small cup of mazer, to Juliana daughter of Agnes wife of the said Thomas a black ox, to

John ' my brother ' canon of Worspring a silver spoon, to Walter ' my brother ' a silver spoon, to Richard ' my nephew ' 4 ells of russet, to John de Surreya and Robert de Dynra gold rings, to Eva ' my servant ' a silver buckle and a rug with sheets, to Richard ' my nephew ' and Agnes ' my cousin ' rugs with sheets, to Jul' Kydenot a rug with one sheet and a hood, to Joan ' my sister ' two barrells, to Agnes ' my daughter ' and Clarice ' my sister ' wooden utensils, to Sir Thomas de Blakedon chaplain a cloth and towel, to divide among the poor in bread for her mother's soul a silver buckle in the keeping of Walter de Cammel. The rents devised towards her obit to be levied of houses and bakehouse late of John le Spenser in Wells. The residue to be distributed for her soul by her executors, namely Nicholas her husband, Sir Walter parochial chaplain of St. Cuthbert, and Robert de Dynra.

Probate before W. dean of Wells on St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas' day 1298 by the executors, to whom was added John de Surreya.

R.I. f. 128.

Charter of Nicholas called le Proest citizen of Wells, reciting the will of Lucy Lundreys late his wife (made with his consent) whereby she bequeathed to the church of St. Andrew and the canons and vicars therein 6*s*. 8*d*. towards an obit for the said Lucy and himself, and to the sacrist 4*d*. a year for sounding the gong, to be levied of houses late of John le Spenser in Wells which the said Nicholas and Lucy had jointly of the feoffment of John de Surreya, situate in the high street of Wells at the corner of the way leading to the bishop's mill, and granting in addition 4*d*. yearly rent of the said houses to be divided among the canons and vicars celebrating such obit, with warranty for the whole annual rent of 7*s*. 4*d*. Sealed by grantor and by the dean. Witnesses : Thomas called le Proest ' my son,' Nicholas called Baker, John de Garcelad', Robert Buch', William de Legh, John le Marcaunt, Geoffrey de la Hok'ston.

R.I. f. 128*d*.

[Memorandum that by decree of the auditors of the account of the chapter of Wells, Thomas de Benhangre is to pay yearly 106*s*. 8*d*. to be retained by the dean and chapter and their communar of the stipends of his vicarage and of his yearly portion in the church of Wells, for a debt of 10*l*. 18*s*. wherein he is bound to them, until all be paid, beginning at Christmas 1300 ; and they immediately sequestrated the said stipends, enjoining the said Thomas on pain of deprivation not to meddle therewith. Done at the exchequer in the cloister, St. Crispin and St. Crispinianus' day 1300.]

R.I. f. 129 (cancelled).

Assent of R. [archbishop] of Canterbury to an accord between King E[dward I] and R. bishop of Bath and Wells and his chapters, upon a petition of the said bishop, stating that Savaricus formerly bishop of Bath obtained from King Richard

for himself and his successors a grant of the patronage of the monastery of Glastonbury, and for that conferred upon the said king and his successors the city of Bath which was the property of the bishop and his church; that difficulties had since arisen between the kings, bishops and abbots; that lately, the monastery being vacant by the death of abbot Robert, the prior and convent had demanded of the king as their patron licence to elect, and his assent after electing brother John de Tanton as abbot, to the exclusion of the bishop.

R.I. f. 129*d*.. compare III. f. 343*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 261.

April 1275, 3 Edward [I]. Accord between R. bishop of Bath and Wells on the one part and John abbot of Glastonbury and the convent on the other, namely that whereas Robert late abbot of Glastonbury and the convent quitclaimed to Walter late bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors and to his churches of Bath and Wells the manor and advowson of Pokeleschyrch county Gloucester, the manor and advowson of Wynescumb, the manor of Blakeford with the advowson of the free chapel there, and the manor of Cranemere county Somerset (the last named quit of all suit of courts and hundreds), the advowsons of Ayschebyri county Berkesyr, Kyngton and Cristemeleford county Wiltesire, and Bocland county Dorset, and the service and homage of one knight's fee in Camelarton county Somerset with the advowson, saving the ancient yearly pensions they used to receive, namely of the church of Pokelchirch 50*s*., Wynescumb 1 mark, and Camelarton 1 mark; and bishop Walter (with the consent of his chapters and churches aforesaid) quitclaimed to the abbot and his successors and to their church the manors of Assebyri county Berkesyre, Baddebyri, Kyngton and Cristemeleford county Wiltesyre, Bocland county Dorset, and Mere with the advowson county Somerset (saving the advowsons of Assebyri, Kyngton, Cristemeleford and Boclonde), 11*l*. 5*s*. which his predecessors used to receive of the hundred of Wystan and Wytelegh for the sheriff's turns and aids, and the moiety of all amercements, fines etc. of the lands, fees and men of the abbey, and their men's fees and men: the said bishop R. by consent of his chapters, and the said abbot John by consent of his convent approve and affirm these quitclaims, and grant that there be a final concord thereof in the king's court within the octave of Trinity next under penalty of 5000 marks; and if the bishop should grant to the king and his heirs the lordship of the temporalities with the patronage of the said abbey (excepting the manors and advowsons aforesaid, namely Pokelechirch, Blakeford, etc.) the moiety of the said amercements etc. and certain other liberties which the bishop's predecessors used to have in the lands and fees of the abbey as mesne lords between the king and the abbot's predecessors, the abbot and convent (now consenting) shall thenceforth answer to the king and his heirs as their lords and patrons concerning all such temporalities, saving to the bishop and his successors and their churches his diocesan right and spiritual jurisdiction, and all ancient liberties which they and the abbey used to enjoy; the bishop and his successors not being bound to

warrant the moiety of the said amercements etc. which the abbey had of the grant of bishop Walter. Sealed by bishop Robert, Walter prior of Bath and the convent, Edward dean of Wells and the chapter.

R.I. f. 129*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 263

Quitclaim by R. bishop of Bath and Wells (by assent of Walter prior of Bath and the convent, E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter) to King E[dward I] of the lordship of all lands and fees belonging to the abbey of Glastonbury, with the patronage of that monastery, which he and other bishops had by grant of earlier kings, as mesne lords between the kings and the abbot, saving to the bishop and his successors and to their churches the manor and advowson of Pokeleschirch county Gloucester, the manor of Blakeford with the advowson of the free chapel there, the manor and advowson of Wynescumb, and the manor of Cranemere county Somerset (the last named quit of suit of courts and hundreds), the fees thereto belonging, one knight's fee in Camelarton, and the advowsons of Assebyri county Bercsyre, Kyngton and Cristemeleford county Wiltesyre, and Bocland county Dorset; also of the amercements of the abbots when they fall into the king's mercy, and the moiety which the bishops used to take of all amercements, fines etc. of the lands and fees of the men of the abbey, and of their fees and men, with other liberties they used to have in the lands and fees of the abbey—all which the bishops had of the grant of earlier kings as mesne lords, so that the abbot and convent shall answer henceforth to the king and his successors as their lords and patrons (saving to the bishop and his successors the underwritten manors and advowsons), to hold to the king and his heirs, in exchange for the city of Bath, with the houses, the meadow below the city on the east between the Avon and the said city, the advowsons of the city and suburb, and certain liberties thereto belonging which the king has granted to the bishop, excepting the barton of Bath which the prior and convent of Bath hold to fee farm, and which remains to the king and his heirs; saving to the bishop and his successors and to their churches the amercements, fines etc. of the lands, fees and men of Pokelechirch county Gloucester, Wynescumb, Blakeford and Cranemere county Somerset, and of their fees said at one time to belong to the abbey, and saving their other rights, possessions and liberties granted by the kings of England. Dated April 1275.

R.I. f. 130*d*. (Compare R.III. f. 344). Adam de Domerham, i. 267.

Memorandum that certain writings were delivered to Edward dean of Wells to be taken to London at the mandate of the archbishop on Saturday before Michaelmas 1281, and on St. Crispin and St. Crispinianus' day the same year were put back in the treasury, namely :—

Confirmation of all the goods of Bath by the prior and convent of Bath: confirmation of the goods of the church of Wells by bishop Roger: charter of King Richard touching the manor and advowson of Northcory, conferring liberties: confirmation of the

manor and church of Northcory by J. bishop of Bath and Wells: charter of J. bishop of Bath conferring the manor and church of Wynescumb: confirmation of the church of St. Cuthbert Wells by J. bishop of Bath: charter of J. bishop of Bath conferring the church of Congaresbyri: charter of Robert de Barry concerning the church of Lovyngton: charter of bishop Reginald conferring the church of Lovyngton and one hide of land: confirmation of the manor and church of Wynescumb by bishop Roger: charter of William bishop of Bath touching the appropriation of Congaresbyri: confirmation of J. bishop of Bath touching the church of Modiford.

R.I. f. 131*d*.

Memorandum that the chapter of Wells requested dean J. to attend to the business of the chapter with the tenants of the manor of Cnappe in Michaelmas term, and that a fine be levied; and granted him that he be counted as resident while so engaged.

R.I. f. 131*d*.

Letter of Robert de Gloucestria canon of Wells, addressed to J. dean of Wells and the chapter, presenting Sir John de Aumbresleie priest to the vicarage of Modeford, vacant by theres ignation of Sir William de Bremesgrave. Dated Hereford, 4 Sept. 1311. Sealed with the seal of the chancery of Hereford.

R.I. f. 131*d*.

Memorandum that xiii kal. December 1304, the farm of Lydeard was granted to Master Anthony de Bradeney canon of Wells for 30 marks payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132.

Memorandum that iii kal. January 1304, the farm of Stoke Gummer was granted to Master Richard de Plumpstok canon of Wells for 40 marks payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132.

Memorandum that 6 April 1305, the farm of the grange of Wells was granted to master Thomas de Cherleton archdeacon of Wells so long as he should be a canon, for 100 marks yearly payable at the usual terms.

The same day the next farm to be vacant was granted to Master Jordan de Insula.

R.I. f. 132.

Memorandum that on Tuesday before St. Barnabas 1306, a tally of 40*l*. paid to the king for the appropriation of the church of Burnam was deposited in a green strong box.

The same day a bond of J. de Godele dean of Wells of 233*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. lent to him was placed in the same box, and an indenture touching the lease of the manor of Wynescumb to the executors of Henry Heose.

R.I. f. 132.

Memorandum that id. April 1300, the grange of Wells was granted to Master Peter de Insula archdeacon of Wells so long as he should be a canon, for 101 marks to be paid at the usual terms, whereof 10 marks are at the grace of the chapter.

The same day the church of Congresbyri was granted to Master Thomas de Cherleton so long as he should be a canon, for 70 marks payable at the usual terms.

The same day the farm of Wytechirch in Dorset was granted to Master Thomas de Lugouere so long as he should be a canon, for 30 marks payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that at the account of St. Kalixtus 1301, the farm of Modiford and Lovyngton was granted to Master Henry Huse chancellor, while he should be a canon, for 35 marks.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that on Tuesday the vigil of St. Valentine the same year the farm of Lydiard was granted to Master Peter de Avebyri archdeacon of Tanton while he should be a canon, for 35 marks ; and the farm next to be vacant to Master Richard de Wynton the subdean.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that at the account of St. Kalixtus the same year the farm of Ceddre with the pension of the vicarage was granted to William de Cherleton the succentor, while he should be a canon, for 42 marks.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that xiv kal. December 1302, the farm of Stoke Gummer was granted to Master Richard de Wynton subdean of Wells, while he should be a canon, for 40 marks.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that on Maunday Thursday 1303, the next vacant farm was granted to Master Anthony de Bradenye.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that v non. March 1302, the grange of Wells was granted to Master Henry Huse dean of Wells for 100 marks a year payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Also xv kal. April the year last mentioned the farm of Modiford and Lovyngton was granted to Master Robert de Glouc[estria] for 35 marks a year payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Edmund K.M. the prebend of St. Andrew of Bydesham was granted to dean J. for 16 marks payable at the usual terms.

R.I. f. 132*d*.

[At the top of f. 133 is the heading: 'Register of Thomas de Retforde chancellor of Wells from Christmas 1316.' This covers, it would seem, the next 68 folios, or thereabouts.]

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Peter de la Burghe clerk to prosecute an appeal at the court of Rome. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iii kal. January 1316.

R.I. f. 133.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to J. bishop of Bath and Wells acknowledging his letter received on Christmas day, with information that Master Ralph de Holebegh' official of the court of Canterbury had pronounced against the bishop concerning the appropriation of the church of Hampton, and condemned him in costs, and stating that, by his mandate in chapter on the feast of St. Stephen, they caused an appeal to be made from that sentence to the court of Rome. Written in the chapter of Wells, Thursday the morrow of St. Thomas M.

R.I. f. 133. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 119.

Note of another proxy to the said Master Peter, dated in the chapter of Wells, iii kal. January 1316.

Note of a similar proxy to Master John Martel, dated in the chapter of Wells, non. January 1316.

R.I. f. 133.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to J. bishop of Bath and Wells stating that by his advice they have taken upon them the burden of collecting the tenth granted by the clergy to the king for defence of the church and realm. Written in the chapter of Wells, 6 January.

R.I. f. 133. Reg. Drokensford, 121.

Letter of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to J. bishop of Bath and Wells, in favour of Master John Martel and Master Hugh de Pencriz their brethren, whom they are sending to give him information touching certain articles in his recent mandate to them.

R.I. f. 133*d*.

Letter of credence from J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to Master Gilbert de Middelton canon of Wells and official of the court of Canterbury, in favour of their brother Master J. Martell, praying him to consider the prejudice to their church which has arisen by the sentence of Master R. de Holebech his commissary in favour of the monastery of Bath against the bishop touching the appropriation of the church of Hampton, about which the said monastery has rejected their overtures.

R.I. f. 133*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated vii id. January 1316, of a grant made by William de Cherleton canon of Wells, farmer of the church of Ceddre, to Walter his cook, of all the tenements, lands, curtilages, and meadows which Henry de Powyk his yeoman held during his life in the town of Ceddre, to hold for life of grantor and his successors and of the dean and chapter, at a rent of 2*s.* 6*d.* payable quarterly for all services saving suit of grantor's court of Ceddre; dated Wells, Wednesday the vigil of the Epiphany 1316, and witnessed by Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, Sir Richard de Rodeneye knights, John de Hampton, Philip le Yreys, Roger de Hanam, William *de aula.*

R.I. f. 133*d.*

Letter of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to Master John de Rosse doctor of laws their brother, in favour of Master John de Middelton their proctor, requesting his counsel and aid against the prior and convent of Bath, who have craftily procured a sentence in the court of Canterbury touching the appropriation of the church of Hampton of the bishop's patronage without the consent of the said chapter, against which they have appealed to the papal see.

Note that similar letters were addressed to Peter de Dene, Master Adam de Herforde and Thomas de Cobham; and others, with a slight verbal alteration, to Master Adam Murimouth and Master Richard de Plumstok'.

R.I. f. 134.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to J. de Godelee the dean, Master John Martel and Master Hugh de Pencriz canons, to meet William de Hampton, John de Esex and Thomas de Bathonia monks of Bath and settle a dispute between the bishop and chapter on the one part and the prior and convent of Bath on the other touching the advowson and appropriation of the church of Hampton. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xii kal. March 1316.

R.I. f. 134.

Letter of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to Roger bishop of Salisbury, in favour of Master William de Lauton canon whom they are sending to explain their action in regard to a loan of the six years' tenth which the king has received of them and their bishop, and on the question of retaining it from the subsidy last granted, as he advised. Dated Wells, 15 March.

R.I. f. 134*d.*

Injunction by the chapter of Wells to the free tenants and others of the church of Congresbury to answer to John de Godelee the dean henceforth as their lord, while he holds the farm thereof. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Passion Sunday 1316.

Similar injunction of the same date for Master William de Jattone subdean, farmer of Bydesham.

R.I. f. 134*d.*

General proxy during absence by John de Bruetone canon of Wells to Master Nicholas de Bathonia clerk to act in all causes, etc. affecting him or any ecclesiastical benefice of his. (Seal of the archbishop of Canterbury attached to that of the said John on the middle thread). Dated Lamehuth, xii kal. April 1316.

R.I. f. 134*d*.

Renunciation by the dean and chapter of Wells of all appeals against the prior and convent of Bath by reason of the appropriation to them of the church of Hampton by Walter late bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 9 April 1317.

R.I. f. 135.

Inspeximus and assent by John dean of Wells and the chapter, dated vi non. May the same year, to the appropriation of the church of Hampton made by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells to the prior and convent of his cathedral church of Bath, after his visitation, to take effect upon the death or cession of Roger then rector thereof, saving to himself and his successors power to provide for a vicar to be presented by the prior and convent, also the rights of the bishop, the cathedral and the archdeacon ; dated Woky, kal. May 1308.

R.I. f. 135.

Grant by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Roger de Sutton of 100*s*. pension for life to be received yearly at Michaelmas of the bishop and his successors, binding himself and his successors for payment. Sealed by the bishop and by the dean and chapter. Dated Chywe, 8 April 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 135*d*.

Renunciation by 'the prior and convent of Bath and Wells diocese' of all actions and demands by reason of suits at law touching the appropriation of the church of Hampton between themselves and John bishop of Bath and Wells, Henry de Fulham clerk, and Master Anthony de Bradeneye, and of all damages and costs. Dated in the chapter of Bath, 10 April 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 135*d*. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 124.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated xix kal. September the same year, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Richard de Rodeneye clerk, son of Sir Richard Rodeneye knight, of a yearly pension of 10 marks of the bishop's chamber at Wells, to be received at Midsummer and Christmas, until provision be made of a prebendal benefice for him in the church of Wells, with bond for payment thereof ; dated Woky, vii id. July 1319.

R.I. f. 135*d*. : repeated f. 144*d*.

Renunciation by 'the prior and convent of Bath and Wells diocese' of all actions and demands, and all damages and costs, by reason of a suit between themselves and Henry de Fulham

clerk touching the appropriation of the church of Hampton. Dated in the chapter of Bath, 8 April 1317.

R.I. f. 136.

Memorandum that Master Adam de Horeletone was received in the chapter of Wells by papal mandate to the first vacant dignity in that church he should think fit to accept, and the first vacant prebend, 2 April 1317.

R.I. f. 136.

Memorandum that Master Hugh Richard was admitted a canon of Wells in chapter by papal mandate to the first vacant prebend he should think fit to accept, 14 April 1317.

R.I. f. 136.

Proxy by the subdean of Wells (in the dean's absence) and the chapter to Walter de Hull clerk to prosecute appeals in their name. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 9 April 1317.

R.I. f. 136.

Memorandum that Master Gilbert de Bruera was admitted a canon of Wells to the first vacant prebend he should think fit to accept, by papal mandate, in chapter, 5 June 1317.

Memorandum that Roger de Northburg was similarly admitted 8 June 1317.

R.I. f. 136.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to John de Bogle to act in their absence in all causes. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 15 June 1317.

R.I. f. 136*d*.

Memorandum that 18 June 1317, it was agreed between Master W. de Ros proctor of the Rev. Master John de Ros on the one part and J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, that all monitions and executions by reason of the grace of Pope Clement V lately granted to the said Master John, touching the fruits of his benefices in the church of Wells, which he receives as though in personal residence (the daily distributions excepted), be stayed until Michaelmas next, so that the said dean and chapter be not molested ; and that if he will in the mean time withdraw, they undertake to have regard to him in 20*l*., to be paid 100*s*. at that date and a like sum yearly until the whole be complete. Sealed by the dean, Master Thomas de Retforde chancellor, Master Henry de Schavyngtone archdeacon of Tanton, Robert de Haselschaue provost, William de Jattone subdean, and Hugh de Pencriz succentor.

R.I. f. 136*d*.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of St. Andrew Wells to Master John de Middelton and Master John de Hampton clerks to act for them in the court of Rome. Dated in the chapter of Wells, vi id. February 1316.

R.I. f. 137.

A second proxy to the same persons (not dated).

R.I. f. 137.

Memorandum that 9 April 1324 a declaration was made in the chapter house by the dean and chapter that, whereas it is just that one who has an emolument should have a charge, no canon or vicar shall receive any share of the fruits of a prebend vacant by the death of a canon unless he has completed his residence, or shall at least attend the church in his habit within the trental of the deceased, according to the ordinance of Robert bishop of Bath '*qui debitas exequias pro fratre mortuo digne persolvant*,' by the testimony of the escheator of the church.

R.I. f. 137.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John de Middelton and Master John de Hampton clerks to act in the court of Rome ; dated in the chapter of Wells, ii kal. February 1316.

R.I. f. 137*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells, dated xii kal. May 1316, to John bishop of Bath and Wells, in answer to the bishop's letter dated Banewell xv kal. May 1316, sent by John de Clyvedon his steward, Master Richard de Ford and Master John de Womberge his notary who were present at the parliament at Lincoln, enclosing the king's writ under his privy seal received the day before, and enjoining them to send the money granted as a loan to the king by the prelates and chapters in the said parliament to be paid to the treasurer and chamberlains of the Exchequer at Westminster ; stating that they have appointed proctors to attend the parliament now at London, and †letters addressed to the bishop shall report to the same effect as shall be done or approved by other prelates or their proctors there.†

R.I. f. 137*d*. The text † † appears to be corrupt.

Letter (to some person not named) by the dean and chapter of Wells, stating that the church of Congresbury has long been appropriated to them for the increase of their common fund, and they all, except Master Thomas de Haselschawe, have made an ordinance that for the future it shall remain in common, whereto their brother Master John de Bruton has given his express consent ; requesting him to act for them, and to retain as counsel Master Andrew de Bruges and Master Richard de Gloucestria at a fixed salary to be paid at Christmas (when they hope to see him at Wells), and in the meantime to proceed with the defence of the cause commenced by the said Thomas against Master William de Jatton the subdean, and send them a copy of the proceedings by the bearer ; promising him abundant materials.

R.I. f. 137*d*. Inserted at the foot of the page : to be read perhaps with the proxy to Master Nicholas de Bathonia, similarly inserted at the foot of the opposite page.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to John bishop of Ely the king's treasurer, acknowledging a writ of the king's Exchequer, tested by the said treasurer, and dated 5 September 11 Edward [II], received by Gregory Blaunk of Bordeaux at Wells 21 September, whereby they (as collectors in the bishopric of Bath and Wells of the tenth granted by the clergy) are ordered to pay to Stephen de Abindon the king's butler 100*l.* for the expenses of his butlery, and take his receipt, whereupon shall be made them a tally of the Exchequer, and to interpose no obstacle, lest if the said butler be so hindered in the provision of wines for the king's use (*quod absit*) that should deservedly be laid to their charge; and complaining that the said Gregory has shewn no acquittance of the said Stephen, and no power to receive the money on his behalf, also that the writ makes no mention of J. bishop of Bath and Wells the chief collector, through whom payment ought to be made; wherefore they could not pay the money, had there been any still left to pay.

R.I. f. 138.

Proxy by John de Godeslegh dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Nicholas de Bathonia clerk to act for them in all causes. Dated Wells in the chapter house, vii id. November 1319.

R.I. f. 138.

Letter of John Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to John bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Robert de Cotes deacon to the vicarage of the parish church of Ceddre. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiv kal. January 1317.

R.I. f. 138*d*. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 175.

Proxy by John de Orletone clerk canon of Wells to John Maile, Roger called Sell' vicar in the church of Wells, and John Lanerleye, to prosecute a grace made to him by papal authority concerning a canonry and prebend in the church of Wells, which Adam bishop of Hereford formerly canon of Wells obtained at the time of his promotion to Hereford. Sealed by the said canon and by bishop J. Dated Sugwas, 11 October 1317.

R.I. f. 138*d*.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Gregory P. 1317, it was decreed by the dean and chapter of Wells in chapter that the schoolmaster shall receive as much as a vicar when money is divided for funeral services; and if no money be divided his name shall . . . . . as the names of other ministers of the church, and he shall be paid . . . . . (Defective)

R.I. f. 138*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated ix kal. November 1317, of a gift made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Thomas de Cherleton

archdeacon of Wells of 20 acres of pasture in his manor of Hywysch by Langport; dated Hywyssch by Langport, Saturday before Midsummer 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 139: III. f. 357*d*. See III. f. 365; below, p. 484.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated ix kal. November 1317, of a gift made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Hugh de la Berh' (Bergh') his heirs and assigns, of 18 acres of land in his moor of Hywysch next the tenement of the said Hugh at la Bergh', to hold of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 1*d*. at Michaelmas, in consideration whereof the said Hugh has quitclaimed his common of pasture in the bishop's moors of Hywysch, Suthmor and Northmor by Langport; witnessed by Sir John de Clyvedone, Sir Matthew de Clyvedone knights, Richard de Loueny, John le Jew, John de Gauilbrugg', Roger le Frie, John de Lambrock; and dated Kynggesbury, Tuesday after St. Barnabas 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 139.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated ix kal. November 1317, of a gift made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Thomas son and heir of Nicholas Luttogars of Hywysch, of 2 acres of land in his moor of Northmore in his manor of Hywysch by Langport lying in a gore on the east side of the said moor, to hold to the said Thomas his heirs and assigns of the bishop and his successors in severalty at a yearly rent of 1*d*. at Michaelmas, in consideration whereof the said Thomas has quitclaimed to the bishop and his successors his common of pasture in Suthmore and Northmore in the bishop's said manor; witnessed by Sir John de Clyvedone, Sir Matthew de Clyvedon knights, Richard de Loueny, John le Jew, John de Gauilbrugg', Roger le Frie, John de Lambrock; and dated Hywysch by Langport, Saturday before St. Barnabas 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 139*d*.

Letter of the chapter of Wells testifying, in view of lying reports to the contrary, that John de Godelee the dean has kept his full terms of residence from the date of his appointment to this time, as they have found by reference to their documents. Dated in the chapter of Wells, ix kal. December 1317.

R.I. f. 139*d*.

Quitclaim by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Henry de Schavyngton archdeacon of Tanton, Robert de Heselschawe provost of the church of Wells, Hugh de Pencriz canon of Wells, Sir Richard de Rodenye and William de Heselschawe, executors of Walter de Heselschawe late bishop of Bath and Wells, of 10*l*. a year long since granted by bishop Walter, to be received at Michaelmas of him and his successors during the life of William de Cherleton canon of Wells, and paid by bishop

Walter so long as he lived, saving their right of action against the bishop's successors when they shall think fit. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Saturday after St. Nicholas 1317.

R.I. f. 140.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to John bishop of Bath and Wells acknowledging a mandate of the bishop. They do not understand that he has admitted Master Gilbert to a canonry in accordance with the grace given him by the pope, or that they ought to receive him, and desire clearer instructions. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 5 June.

R.I. f. 140.

Special proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master J. Martel their fellow, to appear before W. archbishop of Canterbury and primate after the octave of Trinity and make excuse. Dated in the chapter of Wells, viii id. April 1320.

R.I. f. 140.

Appeal to the papal see, and for the protection of the court of Canterbury, by the subdean of Wells and the chapter and every of them against a sentence of suspension upon the chapter, of excommunication upon their several persons, and of interdict upon their church, threatened unless they submit within six days, on behalf of Master John de Ros canon of Wells and clerk of the household of Arnald cardinal priest of St. Prisca, by Master Bosolus deputed to execute the pope's mandate on behalf of the said Arnald's clerks, who has wrongfully ordered payment to be made to the said John of the common goods included in the daily distribution, contrary to the custom of their church, though these were expressly excepted in the grace or mandate of the late Pope Clement V, which they are ready to obey.

R.I. f. 140*d*.

Provocation and appeal by the subdean of Wells (in the absence of the dean) and the chapter against the action of Master Bosolus de Parma canon of Tournai, subexecutor of the chief executor of the papal mandate, on behalf of Master J. de Ros canon of Wells and member of the household (*familiaris, domesticus et commensalis*) of cardinal Arnald.

R.I. f. 140*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated viii kal. May 1317, of a grant made by J. bishop of Bath and Wells to William of his buttery called le Yonge for his service, of the tenement which Henry de Alam deceased held for life in the bishop's manor of Cranemere county Somerset, to hold for life of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 7*s*. payable quarterly; witnessed by Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir John de Bello Campo of Northope, Sir Richard de

Rodeneye knights, William de Reyni, John Flory, John Samwel, Reginald de Frome; and dated Rokeburne, 13 February 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 141. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 122.

Receipt given by the dean and chapter to Sir Henry rector of Burnham, dated Wells, Michaelmas, iii kal. October 1319, for 10*l.* in full payment of the pension for Michaelmas term granted them by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells.

R.I. f. 141.

Letter of J. bishop of Bath and Wells, chief collector of the six years' tenth imposed by the late Pope C[lement] V, to the dean and chapter of Wells his subcollectors, stating that he is being pressed by the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer for payment of arrears of the first year's tenth granted to the king by the now Pope J[ohn], and requiring them to send the said arrears to London or wherever he may be within eight days, or else to cite before him the receivers by them deputed, to exhibit their rolls and render a final account; and likewise the receivers of the tenth lately granted to the king by the clergy. Dated London, xviii kal. February 1317.

R.I. f. 141*d.*

Proxy by the chapter of Wells cathedral, addressed to W. archbishop of Canterbury and primate, in favour of Master John Martel canon of Wells, to appear before him in the church of St. Paul London on Thursday the morrow of St. Peter *in cathedra*, and confer with the prelates of that province on business of the church and realm. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xv kal. March 1317.

R.I. f. 141*d.*

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to J. bishop of Winchester treasurer of King E[dward II], acknowledging the king's writ, stating that they have no money either jointly or severally to succour the king in his necessity, and begging him (as their friend and formerly their brother of the bosom of the church of Wells) to excuse and save them harmless.

R.I. f. 141*d.*

Summons by the dean and chapter to Master William de Jatton canon to attend a special meeting of chapter on Monday after *misericordia domini*, to settle finally a difference which has arisen touching the delivery of certain common goods, spiritual and temporal.

R.I. f. 142.

Inspeximus and confirmation, dated 8 May 11 Edward II, by John dean of Wells and the chapter, (saving their rights of way by land and water from Ferlingmer to Wells, and the reversion to the bishop after the death of the grantee,) of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to John Dacres his yeoman for

his service, of the whole tenement which Isabel who was wife of Richard de Garselade held in villenage in the bishop's manor of Wells, to hold for life of the bishop and his successors freely etc. by the service of 10*s*. payable quarterly; dated Blakeford, 25 April 10 Edward II; and witnessed by Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir John de Bello Campo of the marsh, Sir Thomas de Welleslegh knights, Walkelin Toner, Robert de Wodeford, John de Duddesdene.

R.I. f. 142. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 125.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to J. bishop of Bath and Wells, acknowledging a letter in which the bishop expressed surprise at their disturbance about the payment of the king's tenth in London on the octave of St. Hilary, explaining that it was due to a fresh writ (copy enclosed), and praying his protection. As to his directions, in another letter, to explain the cause why they have delayed the confirmation of certain writings of apportionment of Cheddre moor, it seemed to some of them to tend towards permanent alienation, and therefore could only be dealt with in full chapter; wherefore in presence of Sir J. Randolf, Sir J. de Clyvedon, and Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, who heard the discussion, it was determined to summon a special chapter in the quinzaine of Easter. Written in the chapter of Wells, non. January.

R.I. f. 142*d*.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells, collectors of one year's tenth granted to King Edward [II] in his 10th year by the clergy, to Sir William de Bathonia clerk, to appear before the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer on the octave of St.Hilary and render a final account thereof. Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. Hilary 1318.

R.I. f. 142*d*.

Memorandum of an ordinance by the dean and chapter of Wells that Sir William de Westbury retain his office at Northcory as before, from Michaelmas 1322 until the Michaelmas following, except that some one be associated with him in holding the court there.

R.I. f. 142*d*.

A special chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, held on Monday after *misericordia domini* Sunday, touching certain articles which affect the possessions of the church, temporal and spiritual.

Art. 1. To consider how to meet the grace obtained by Master John de Ros their brother, enabling him while absent at the court of Rome to receive all fruits in the church of Wells as if resident, except the daily distribution, seeing that nothing would be left to distribute at the end of the year if all canons should reside; and on whom the burden of litigation should fall.

Agreed that all will share the costs of the defence; the resident canons contributing one moiety out of their daily distribution, those nonresident the other out of the *corpus* of their prebends.

Art. 2. Whereas Walter Fairmay, tenant in the manor of Northcori, has procured a writ against the dean and chapter to have common of pasture through all their manor of Knappe wherever their beasts pasture, and claims common nevertheless in their enclosed woods, parks, meadows and lands; whether it were well to grant a portion of their land there to him and his heirs in exchange for the said common.

Agreed that the dean take with him four or five canons, and do what they think fit to stay such litigation.

Art. 3. The said Walter is molesting the dean and chapter by a writ of novel disseisin touching 4 acres of meadow of their demesne: how may the matter be best defended. ?

Agreed that, to restore peace, he and his wife may have 5½ acres of meadow in the manor of Knappe to them and their heirs.

Art. 4. William atte Ferlyngg is likewise impleading the dean and chapter: to see how etc.

Agreed, as to the last article.

Art. 5. At the last special chapter, a five years' tithe of all the canons' prebends and benefices was granted to the aid of the new belfry, according to the assessment of Norwich: how to proceed against those who do not pay the same ?

To proceed by ecclesiastical censures and sequestration of their fruits.

Art. 6. Whereas a large sum issues of sequestrated tithes and oblations of St. William and the fraternity of St. Andrew towards the fabric of the church and the belfry: it would be well to take an account of the receivers, and an audit by canons deputed by the chamber.

Two canons to be deputed to audit the account of each receiver.

Art. 7. It was agreed at the last special chapter that houses should be built for the vicars to live in together, but nothing has been done: to arrange a site for such dwelling, and who shall take the responsibility.

Agreed that the dwelling be from the house of Sir William de Cherlton to the penthouse where the masons work; that a piece of the churchyard be taken for it, and for the recreation of the inhabitants: if the dean will take upon him the charge, he may settle one year's rent thereof for his soul in the church of Wells, as he shall think fit.

Art. 8. At the said special chapter it was agreed that the privy by the cloister be removed further off because of the fouling in St. Andrew's well in the cloister, but nothing has been done: to discuss this.

The door of that privy to be blocked up, so that none have access to it in future.

Art. 9. Because the presence of canons at divine service adorns the church, enhances divine worship, conduces to the quiet conversation of those ministering, and removes the temptation to

wander; to ordain that canons willing to be present at service by night may have their books in the choir with a light, to their greater devotion and comfort, and without injury to others.

The canons to have books in the choir in future, and a light of their own, when they think fit; provided that the vicars have no access to such books.

Art. 10. That the commemoration of St. Mary and St. Andrew be with the rule of the choir.

Granted.

Art. 11. How that prebends and farms of the church of Wells be delivered to laymen, to the scandal of the church, and expressly contrary to the canons.

Inhibition against so doing in future, under a penalty.

Art. 12. Ordinance that charters and letters made to any person by the dean and chapter in future be not confirmed until the bishop has addressed a special letter to them touching the matter.

Art. 13. To speak with the bishop touching oblations issuing from the chapel of St. Columban of Ceddre and the estate thereof.

Note that all the canons were present in person or by proxy except the prebendaries of Compton, Haselbere, Cuddeworth, Cumba *duodecima*, Cumba *undecima*, Harpetre, Tymbrescomb, Milverton *secunda* and Barton, who were cited but did not appear, and the prebendaries of Ashulle, Eston, Cumba *tercia decima*, Dynre, Wedmor *quarta*, Clyve, Holecumb and Wedmor *secunda*, who were out of the realm.

Note that other articles, to which no full answer was made, are not here inserted.

R.I. f. 143.

Memorandum that on the morrow of St. Gregory B. 1323, the dean of Wells and the chapter, considering the services rendered at much labour and cost by Master Thomas de Haselchawe canon, decreed that for three years he be counted as resident while absent, to take as much emolument as a simple canon each year, the daily distributions excepted: the present year to be the first. The same day he resigned the farm of Congresbury.

R.I. f. 143*d*.

Proxy by the chapter of St. Andrew Wells to Master Richard de Plumstok canon of Wells to appear for them before Walter archbishop of Canterbury in the convocation of the clergy of this province on Friday after *quasimodo* Sunday in the church of St. Paul London. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xvii kal. May 1319.

R.I. f. 144.

Summons by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas de Retford canon and chancellor of Wells to be present at a special chapter on Wednesday after the Ascension, to consider divers

petitions put before them by nobles and men of the middle class concerning the confirmation of grants for ever made by the bishop of immovable property belonging to the bishopric. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiii kal. May 1319.

R.I. f. 144.

Memorandum that on Friday the morrow of St. Alphege 1319, the dean and chapter of Wells granted to Sir Robert de Avebury and Ralph de Bergh' vicars in the said church for their lives the dwelling houses which Sir Thomas de Benhangre late vicar held of them; and if one of them die or retire, another shall be substituted for him.

Also that henceforth, when any vicars' houses at the disposal of the dean and chapter be vacant, they shall be conferred upon two vicars, for the sake of honesty and good report.

R.I. f. 144.

Copy of a writ addressed to the king's clerk Master John Walewayn his escheator south of Trent, directing him to make inquisition upon the representation of the dean and chapter of Wells that 6*l.* 14*s.* rent in Wells of divers men of that town, seized by the said escheator under the statute of mortmain, was acquired to them and their successors in fee before the publication of that statute. Tested at Westminster, 22 March 11 [Edward II].

R.I. f. 144*d.*

Writ addressed to the king's clerk Master Richard de Clare his escheator north of Trent, reciting that it was found by inquisition before Master John Walewayn late escheator south of Trent, taken under the above writ, that the said rent had been acquired of divers men of the town of Welles at divers times long before the publication of the said statute, and held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by service of 2*s.*, three cloves and three roses yearly; and directing him to restore the same to the dean and chapter. Tested at York, 6 June 12 [Edward II].

R.I. f. 144*d.* See Inq. *ad q. d.* 11 Edw. II. No. 91.

Reply of the chapter of Wells to a letter from the bishop of Bath and Wells, as to the king's writ ordering payment to certain merchants of the balance above 500 marks collected of the six years' tenth for the first year, advising that the answer should be that it is impossible to proceed with such payment unless order be first taken as in the case of the said 500 marks. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iv kal. November.

R.I. f. 145.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Tuesday after St. Lucy 1314, of a grant made by John de Drokenesforde bishop of Bath and Wells to Ralph Triwelove of Alresforde his yeoman for his service, of all lands and tenements late of Walter de Illewyk and Reginald Godrich in the town of Cheddre county Somerset, to hold for life of the chief lords

by the services due and accustomed: witnessed by Sir Robert Fitz Payn, Sir Roger Fitz Payn, Sir John de Actone, Sir Nicholas de Langelonde, Sir John Randolf knights, Roger de Hanam, Henry the forester, William Gyward, Ralph the clerk; and dated London, Friday after St. Simon and St. Jude 5 Edward II.

R.I. f. 145.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John dean of Wells and the chapter, dated the morrow of St. Nicholas 1314, of an agreement between John bishop of Bath and Wells and John de Membury lord of Westbaggebergh touching a piece of waste upon Cantok hill county Somerset, which the said John de Membury claimed as part of his said manor, and the bishop as part of his manor of Bishops Lidiard, and the right of his churches of Bath and Wells, whereof an assize of novel disseisin was moved in the king's court of Cherde before Sir John de Foxle, John de Batesford, and William de Born' justices; whereby John de Membury quitclaimed to the bishop the lordship of the soil, and granted that it should be lawful for him year by year to enclose the said waste, breaking it up, cultivating it and taking other profits, saving to the lords of Westbaggebergh and the free and villein tenants of that manor common of pasture throughout the year in lands not cultivated, and in lands cultivated after the corn is carried, as every free tenant of the neighbourhood causes the enclosed waste of another to be depastured: metes and bounds between the manors of Bishops Lidiard and Westbaggebergh, the east corner of Robert de Calewe's croft beneath Cantok and eastwards along the Holedich, thence eastward to the Fennyslo, thence northward and a little westward to Alferode, thence eastward to the Redewelle, thence eastward to Coleslade which is a bound between the manors of Westbaggebergh and Asscheholte, and the lords or tenants of Westbaggebergh may not have common beyond Coleslade eastward: metes and bounds across the hill to Estbaggebergh within which they have common, the upper head of Coleslade southward to Oxenham, thence straight southward to the Rowebergh, thence straight southward to Bulgonescroiz, so lengthwise to Estbaggebergh again to the east corner of Robert de Calewe's croft aforesaid: dated Grenewyc by London, Tuesday after the Translation of St. [Wulstan] 8 Edward II; and witnessed by John de Moun, John de Mervet, Andrew Luterel, Hugh de Popham, William de Wyggebergh, Matthew de Fornieux, Matthew de Clyvedon, Gilbert de Bere knights, Walter le Lif, Richard de Loueny, Ralph le Fuizurz, John atte Yurde, Matthew de Coker.

R.I. f. 145*d*. (Wulstan in a modern hand, over an erasure).

Grant by Henry de Schavynton archdeacon of Tanton, with the consent of the dean and chapter of Wells, to the vicarage in the parochial and prebendal church of Milverton, and to Sir Robert de Esplegh the vicar and his successors, of a messuage with garden lying on the north side of the church between the messuage of William Corbyn on the west and the road to the mill on the east, as enclosed by hedge and ditch, at a yearly rent of 12*d*. payable

at Michaelmas to the archdeacon and his successors, for that no dwelling house was hitherto annexed to the vicarage, but the vicars provided for themselves from year to year in hired houses charged with secular services, and in many cases distant from the church. Sealed by the archdeacon, and by the dean and chapter. Dated Wells, vi kal. January 1314.

R.I. f. 146.

Letter of John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to J. bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Sir Robert de Lee chaplain to the vicarage of Wynescumb, vacant by the death of Sir Robert de Codeforde. Dated in the chapter of Wells, viii id. April 1315.

R.I. f. 146*d*.

Letter of John bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells enjoining them, by sentences of suspension, excommunication and interdict and other censures, to hasten the collection of the tenth granted by the clergy for the defence of the church and realm, whereof the necessity is daily becoming more urgent. Dated Eston Crok', vi id. April 1315.

R.I. f. 146*d*.

Letters patent of the king granting to the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark Bristol licence in mortmain to assign to John bishop of Bath and Wells a mill in Netherwere and the sluices thereof with the watercourse leading thereto, in exchange for 40 acres of pasture and 80 acres of moor in Compton and Ceddre. Tested at Westminster, 8 February 8 Edward [II].

R.I. f. 146*d*. (Pat. *Calendar*, p. 217).

Letters patent of the king granting to the master and brethren of St. Mark Bristol licence to appropriate the church of Stoklaund. Tested at Westminster, 7 February 8 Edward II.

R.I. f. 147. (Pat. *Cal.*, p. 217).

Appropriation to the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark Bristol by John bishop of Bath and Wells, after conferring with his chapters of Bath and Wells, of the church of Stoklond in his diocese, of their patronage, the said house being in debt in consequence (*inter alia*) of an inundation of the sea submerging a considerable part of their lands by the sea side, saving to himself and his successors power to ordain a competent vicarage, the said master and brethren to present, and the archdeacon to have for his sequestrations yearly half a mark besides his dues, saving also the customs dues and dignity of the bishop and the archdeacon. Dated London, iii id. February 1314.

R.I. f. 147*d*.

Receipt given by the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Henry rector of Bornham for 9*l*. 5*s*. in part payment of a yearly pension of 10*l*. of that church granted by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells,

for Michaelmas term 1317; and allowance of 10*s.* paid to them as collectors in the city and diocese of Bath and Wells of a year's tenth granted by the clergy to the king in 1316 for the first term thereof, and of 5*s.* paid to the dean of Axebrigg' for procuration of Gaucelin cardinal priest and Elluca (Luke Fieschi) cardinal deacon, papal nuncios, namely of every mark 4*d.* Dated Wells, iii kal. October 1317.

R.I. f. 147*d.*

Inspeximus by the dean and chapter of Wells of the appropriation of [the church of Stoklond] to St. Mark Bristol by bishop John. (Incomplete).

R.I. f. 148.

Memorandum that on Friday after the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1316, a love day (*dies amoris*) was taken in the chapter of Wells between William le Veil and the dean and chapter, touching an assize of novel disseisin prosecuted by the said William of his freehold in the town of Wells, which John de Surreie vicar in the church of Wells has purchased for himself and his heirs of the dean and chapter: the said William and John appeared, and submitted to the ordinance of the dean and chapter.

Also touching an assize of novel disseisin prosecuted by William Malherbe against the dean and chapter: it was agreed that Master Anthony de Bradeneye and Sir William de Bourne on behalf of the chapter and two fit persons on behalf of William Malherbe should visit the place in question, and taking an oath of six credible persons to be produced on either side, on Sunday before St. Margaret, should decide the matter.

Also it was appointed and agreed by the dean and chapter, as to assizes of novel disseisin prosecuted against them by Juliana daughter of William atte Ferlyng and William Hughet, that William de Bourne and William de Westbury should cause the said Juliana and William Hughet to be summoned before them at Northcori on Tuesday after St. Thomas, and mete them out full justice.

Also Master Richard de Plimpstoke was appointed to go as speedily as possible to Master John Waleweyn the king's escheator, and request his consent to enclose certain moors in the manor of Northcory, by reason of the lands of John de Berkelee's heirs, of whom the ward and marriage belongs to the heirs of Nicholas de Meeles deceased, whose heir is in the king's custody; and if he cannot find the escheator in the parts of Bristol, that Sir William de Bourne should request the consent of John Enge subescheator in Somerset in their name.

Also Master R. de Plimpstoke, Master Hugh de Pencriz and William de Bourne (or two of them) were appointed to cause the moors to be measured, and assign portions to the freeholders and villeins, [†especially to the tenants of Muridone†] before the feast of St. James Ap.

† These words marked '*vacat.*'

Also it was appointed and agreed that the tenants of the dean and chapter at Muridone should have one acre of the moor newly enclosed beyond the portion formerly assigned to them, and 30 acres in common on the moor by the bridge in Corymor; [†and likewise a wide road through the midst of Boterlake moor to Folkesmor, to drive their cattle.†]

Also that the cottars of the dean and chapter should have one acre of moor in severalty attached to their cottages, and that they, the other tenants of the dean and chapter, and the sons of their villeins should have common for their cattle in the moors demised for common; the moors to be demised beyond the portions assigned to them to be demised only to villeins of the dean and chapter.

Also that their villeins and every one of them should give 6*d.* yearly for every acre of moor assigned to them and attached to their tenements.

Also the precentor and succentor were appointed to go as quickly as possible to the prior and convent of Montacute to obtain leave touching the new watercourse to Knappe mill.

R.I. f. 148*d.*

Memorandum that the dean and chapter kept a love day on the vigil of St. Peter *ad vincula* at Wells, between themselves on the one part and Hugh de Bello Campo and Robert de Pudele on the other, touching a schedule between the parties, a copy of which they had at Northcory.

R.I. f. 149.

Memorandum that the dean and chapter granted to William le Veil, for his soul and the souls of his ancestors, half a mark towards his obit in the church of Wells yearly on the feast of St. Lucy, from a tenement in Chamberleynestret, now held for life by William de Wygornia and Roger de Surreye.

Also to Sir John de Surreye vicar in the church of Wells, for his soul, half a mark towards his obit from the said tenement. And because that tenement cannot without the addition of some new building suffice for the charge together with 10*s.* a year for finding certain torches in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in the church of Wells, Sir John shall build thereon, taking from the escheator 30*s.* when he begins building.

Also the archdeacon of Tanton, Master W. de Lauton, Master Thomas de Haselschawe and W. de Cherleton were appointed to audit the account of Sir Richard de Pencriz subtreasurer of Wells during the whole term of his office, in lieu of whom Thomas de Merkesbury vicar in the church of Wells was admitted to office by the dean and chapter, by the nomination of Master Jordan Moraunt the treasurer, and sworn: Master Anthony de Bradenye, Master John de Bruton, Master William de Lauton canon of Wells sureties.

R.I. f. 149*d.*

† These words marked '*vacat.*'

Grant by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Roger de Molyns chaplain for his life of the chantry of the mass of St. Mary in the chapel of Northcori, with houses, lands, rents etc. thereto belonging. Dated in the chapter of Wells, viii id. June 1317.

R.I. f. 149*d*.

Receipt given by the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Henry rector of Burnham for 8*l*. 19*s*. 4½*d*. in part payment of a yearly pension of 10*l*. from that church granted by bishop Walter, for Michaelmas term 1320; and allowance of 20*s*. paid to the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, collectors in the city and diocese of Bath and Wells of one year's tenth granted to the king by Pope John XXII, to aid his defence against the incursions of the Scots, for two terms, and of 7½*d*. paid to the dean of Axebrugg, to the use of the chancellor and university of Oxford, namely ½*d*. the mark. Dated Wells, iii kal. October the said year.

R.I. f. 149*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated vii id. July the same year, of an indenture of agreement made between John bishop of Bath and Wells and William master of the house of St. Mark Bristol and the brethren, between whom a dispute had arisen touching the watercourse which led to their mills in Netherwere, and the site of the mills, and of certain sluices, alleged to be to the injury of adjacent tenements of the bishop and his men, but was settled by the intervention of friends at Netherwere on Sunday before Midsummer 1316; whereby the master and brethren granted to the bishop and his successors the watercourse, site and sluices (saving to themselves and their successors their lands and pieces of land, built upon or not, on either side thereof, and also the suit to the said mills anciently made and to them and their successors due and accustomed); and in exchange the bishop (by assent of the dean and chapter of Wells) granted the whole moor called Hyndemor in the manors of Compton and Ceddre beneath Overwere, lying in length between the ancient dyke of Beremore on the west and the head of the new dyke of Hamwere on the east, and in breadth from the ancient watercourse to the mills on the north to the land of the lord of Overwere on the south, with a new watercourse running across Hyndemor by Beremor, and the lordship thereof with all profits, etc. (saving to the commoners of Overwere and others, but not to the bishop, the dean and chapter, or their villeins of Compton and Ceddre. their usual common in Hyndemor,) with leave to scour the new watercourse upon their own soil, quit of all services, suits of courts or hundreds etc.; and they may draw off, dig and have a moiety of the water of the ancient watercourse throughout the year, beginning in the ancient watercourse at the Blakelake head of the newcourse of the width of 15 feet for drawing off water to the extent of a moiety of the ancient course through Hordesham moor straight to Hamweremedediche of the same width, and so through the midst of Hyndemor to the Blyndezoo beneath Over-

were, and the said water running to a new water mill built by the master and brethren in Netherwere of the width of 12 feet, and the course thereof, to scour and throw the earth upon the lands on either side ; and the bishop, dean and chapter may not fish nor work in the new course, nor the master and brethren in the old course, nor may the bishop, dean and chapter divert the water issuing from Ceddre unless the master and brethren have sufficient for their new mill pool and sluices : and he likewise granted to the master and brethren their easements in their soil of Hordesham moor to the breadth of 8 feet on either side of the new course, and also upon their embankment of Beremore of the width of 6 feet from the new course leading to the new mill of the Beeme to Hyndemor over all the pasture of the Beremore for scouring and embanking, and right of way for their profit, as in fishing, scouring, embanking, so that the earth thrown upon the bishop's land be not after removed; and that they may scour their watercourse by the land of the bishop and his men in Compton beneath the Polesfotte, so that the ancient mills of Netherwere be wholly removed and no others be built upon the old course : and the master and brethren grant that the bishop and his successors and other neighbours, at their own charge, may dig and widen the watercourse leading to Netherwere mills to the same extent on their soil of Hyndemor or elsewhere on the one side as on their own soil on the other side, and make embankments : warranty on either part : witnessed by John de Erle, John de Meriet, Matthew de Clyvedon, John de Bello Campo of Norton, John de Clyvedon knights, John de Hampton, John de Northlode, Philip le Yrrays, William de Briuton, Roger de Hanam, John de Arderne.

R.I. f. 150. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 7).

Note that the same day was sealed a confirmation touching the appropriation of the church of Stoclonde to the master and brethren of St. Mark Bristol, who will give the church of Wells yearly 2*s*. for sequestrations.

R.I. f. 150*d*.

Memorandum that whereas John bishop of Bath and Wells had publicly threatened to visit the prebends and farms of the church of Wells, the visitation whereof belongs to the dean and chapter to be executed by the dean alone, on Wednesday after the [Translation] of St. Thomas 1319, John de Godelee the dean, Thomas archdeacon of Wells, Thomas the chancellor, William the subdean, Richard de Plimstok, William de Cherletone and Hamelin de Godelee canons, after ringing the bell, met at the first hour in the chapter house, and agreed that an appeal should be made for the preservation of the right of their church, and notified to the bishop, and the appeal should be made against the event of a future grievance. Afterwards on Thursday after the Assumption assembled in the chapter house, at the ringing of the great bell, Master Anthony de Bradeneye, William de Bourne and Hugh de Pencriz canons, and agreed to all the premisses.

R.I. f. 151.

Memorandum that whereas certain articles against the estate and customs of the church of Wells were sent by John bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean, on Monday after St. Hilary 1319 the dean and canons assembled in the chapter house, at the ringing of the great bell, and it was decreed that all canons who had been in residence that or the previous year should be summoned for Monday before Ash Wednesday, to take counsel for the defence of the church, and meanwhile the canons at a distance should be asked to give their opinion in writing, and the muniments should be examined. Present, the dean, chancellor, subdean, succentor, Master Anthony de Bradeneye, Master Richard de Plymstok, Master John Martel, Michael de Eston, Matthew Husee, and Hamelin de Godelee.

R.I. f. 151.

Form of letter sent accordingly, stating that from the foundation of the church of Wells the canons and their prebends had been exempt from the bishop's visitations, enclosing a copy of the bishop's articles, and requesting advice.

R.I. f. 151*d*.

Reply by the dean and chapter of Wells to a letter of Walter archbishop of Canterbury and primate, dated Uffington, v id. March 1319, in which he required them (in accordance with his prerogative dignity, entitling him to call any clerks within his province to the service of his own household, notwithstanding that they are bound to reside elsewhere) to overrule the objections of a few of their number, and give their promised assent to the licence granted by J. bishop of Bath and Wells to Master John de Bruyton chancellor of Canterbury and treasurer of Wells, and cited them to appear before him after the Sunday when *misericordia domini* is sung to shew cause; stating that they are unable to seal the document he sent for reasons which the bearer, canon J. Martel, will explain, but undertaking to appear as cited. Dated in the chapter of Wells, non. April 1320.

R.I. f. 151*d*.

Special proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John Martel their brother to appear before the archbishop after the octave of Trinity, in accordance with a lawful citation, and make excuses etc. sufficient for the archbishop's letters addressed to them. Dated Wells in chapter, x kal. June 1320.

R.I. f. 152.

Similar proxy to Master John Martel to appear after the Sunday when *misericordia domini* is sung. Dated in the chapter of Wells, viii id. April 1320.

R.I. f. 152.

Mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells to his official to induct Master William de Clopton, late rector of Tidd St. Mary Lincoln diocese, to the treasury of the church of Wells, to which

he has been collated by W. archbishop of Canterbury and invested, by exchange with Master John de Bruyton the last treasurer, provided he first take the oath concerning residence. Dated Wyvelescomb, viii id. May 1320.

R.I. f. 152*d*.

Receipt from J. de Godeleygh dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Henry de Schavyngton archdeacon of Tanton for 4*l*. 18*s*. 11*d*., being the sequestrations granted by Jocelin bishop of Bath and Wells towards the increase of their common fund of divers vacant churches in his archdeaconry named in a schedule delivered by the archdeacon, from St. Wlfran 1304 to St. Ciricus and St. Julitta 1320; also for 10*l*. of the church of Chedesy, in part payment of their portion of 20 marks by reason of the vacancy; also for 12*s*. 1*d*. of other small churches. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiii kal. July 1320.

R.I. f. 152*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 10 July 14 Edward II, of a grant made by Master John de Grandissono archdeacon of Notingham and prebendary of Wytchurche to Elias de Corscumbe, of William son of Richard Richeman of Benhangre his neif and all that goes with him, free of all burden of servitude; dated Notingham, Sunday before St. John Baptist 10 Edward II.

R.I. f. 153.

Collation by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells of Master Hugh de Pencriz priest to the prebend of Combe *decima*, vacant by the resignation of Master Thomas de Heselschawe the bishop's nephew. Dated Wells, vi non. October 1305.

R.I. f. 153.

Appointment by J. de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter of Luke de Harpetre vicar in the church of Wells as their escheator, proctor and special attorney, to take seisin of the fruits of prebends vacant by death, which by ancient custom belong to them for the first year. Dated in the chapter of Wells, the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude 1320.

R.I. f. 153.

General letter of credence by Henry dean of Wells and the chapter in favour of Gilbert Waweyn, whom they are sending to announce the obits of the canons, and to desire for them the prayers of the faithful. Dated in the chapter of Wells.

R.I. f. 153.

Libel of Master Thomas de Haselschawe canon of Wells (by his proctor) against Master William de Jatton, addressed to the president of the court of Canterbury, alleging that whereas it is the custom of Wells to assign the church farms to canons resident in rotation, as they complete their residence, each being content

with one, and plaintiff after his residence was complete, being first in rotation when the farm of the church of Congresbury fell vacant by the death of Master Thomas de Gorges late canon, craved the said farm, but the dean and chapter, at the instance of defendant, would not hear him; and craving sentence that the same was due to him, and the defendant had no right therein.

Articles of proof intended by Master William de Jatton subdean of Wells against the libel of Master Thomas de Haselschawe, touching the farm of Congresbury church.

1. That the dean and chapter may assign farms when vacant to any canon who has completed his residence, at their discretion and not in rotation.
2. That such has been the practice time out of mind.
3. That it rests with the chapter to assign such farms to canons, or retain them to increase the common fund.
4. That the church of Congresbury was appropriated to increase the common fund before the death of Master Thomas de Gorges.
5. That the dean and chapter have and do possess the same so appropriated from the time of the appropriation until now.
6. That they resolved after the death of Master Thomas de Gorges to retain it in common, according to the effect of the appropriation.
7. That plaintiff expressly consented to such resolution.
8. That the dean and chapter have and do retain the said church in common from that time until now by his express consent.

Memorandum that Iterius Bucard canon of Wells, who never kept residence, had to farm the common grange of Wells by assignment of the dean and chapter.

Sir John de Godelee, before he commenced residence, had the farm of Bydesham.

Master Thomas de Gorges had the farm of Congresbury, and R. de Plymstok that of Stogommer, before Master Thomas de Cherleton archdeacon of Wells, though he was their senior in residence, and so with others.

Master Henry Huse chancellor of Wells, when made dean, left the farm of Lovington and Modiford for the common grange of Wells.

Walter de Haselschawe archdeacon of Wells left the farm of Lydierd for that of Stogommer.

Walter Burnel, then vicar of the church of Wells, had the farm of Stogommer.

Philip de Odyham and Master Robert de Fayrmay vicars, and John de Bureford, then a rural chaplain, had in succession the farm of Barwe, and the said John holds it still.

William Burnel dean of Wells, in the first year of his residence, had the farm of Wynescobe; on his death the dean and chapter retained it to their own use, and do still.

William de Welyngton canon of Wells had three farms at once, namely Bydesham, Congresbury and Wythchurche in Dorset.

It is thus clear that farms do not go to the senior in residence, but are at the will of the dean and chapter.

Peter de Avebury archdeacon of Tanton had the farm of Lydiert by assignment of the dean and chapter, though Master Richard de Wynton was his senior in residence.

R.I. ff. 153*d*., 154.

Acquittance by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Richard de Pencriz vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells, late vicar and subtreasurer of the church of Wells, after an audit made iv kal. July 1316 by William de Cherleton, Master William de Lauton', and Master Thomas de Haselschawe canons deputed for the purpose. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xi kal. April 1320.

R.I. f. 154.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated viii id. April the same year, of the manumission by Master Richard de Plymstok canon of Wells and farmer of Stokegommer (by their assent) of John son of William Brigge of Stokegommer, a neif of the said church, and all that goes with him. Dated Wells, non. April 1321.

R.I. f. 154.

Form of letter requesting the attendance of the canons at a special chapter on the morrow of Trinity, to confer upon new grievances. Dated Wells, the vigil of Pentecost.

R.I. f. 154.

Form of peremptory citation to the several canons by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, to appear in the chapter house on Monday after Trinity, to confer upon the wrongful action of John bishop of Bath and Wells who, though aware that J. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury made a statute that two thirds of the fruits and obventions of vacant churches in the diocese (which he and his predecessors used to take, answering to the archdeacons for the remaining third) should be applied to increase the common fund of the canons of Wells, and that the archdeacons have accordingly held vacant churches, and answered for such two thirds to the said common fund, has nevertheless, upon the vacancy of the church of Bautrip, in contravention of the oath which he took upon his admission as canon, expressly inhibited the archdeacon of Wells, and converted the fruits thereof to his own use. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 12 May 1321.

R.I. f. 154*d*.

Appeal by the proctor of the dean and chapter to the papal see and for the protection of the court of Canterbury against every attempt of the bishop and his official to execute his late threat not to allow the archdeacons to have the custody of vacant churches and pay the dean and chapter their usual portion,

though aware of the statute made by John (*sic*) bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, and though the bishop, when admitted a canon of Wells, was sworn to observe the customs of that church.

R.I. f. 154*d*. The reference would seem to be to the decree of bishop Joscelin, f. 59, No ccxxvii; above p. 67. Compare f. 64, No ccxlvi, p. 72, and ff. 111*d*.—113, p. 149. See also the next entry.

Request by John de Bogelegh proctor of the dean and chapter to the bishop (reciting their appeal against any attempt to their prejudice in regard to the fruits and obventions of the vacant church of Bautrip, contrary to the statute of John (*sic*) bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, and the subsequent sale by Master William de Edyngton the bishop's official of such fruits belonging to them) that to stay the suit he will (notwithstanding his official's order) send letters to the dean of Paulet, in whose deanery the sale took place, to permit the archdeacon of Wells and his official to take the money, and content the dean and chapter for their portion.

R.I. f. 155.

Appeal by the said proctor, as above, for that Master William de Edyngton the bishop's official, by his authority, contrary to their former appeal, has sold fruits of the vacant church of Baudrip, belonging to the dean and chapter by the custom of the church, which the bishop is sworn to observe, and the said bishop has expressly refused, or too long delayed his answer to their request to revoke the said grievances.

R.I. f. 155.

Special proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John de Middelton and Master Adam de Fagenham clerks to swear in their name that, on xvii kal. May the year below written, about the ninth hour, and not before, it came to their knowledge that Master William de Edyngton the bishop's official had caused to be alienated fruits of the vacant church of Baudrip due to them, and sequestrated in their name by the archdeacon of Wells. Dated Wells, 8 July 1321.

R.I. f. 155.

Acquittance by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Henry de Sandwyco archdeacon of Bath, after audit of his final account of vacant churches and vicarages from the date of his appointment to Michaelmas 1321, whereby it appeared that he received in all 14*l*. 10*s*. 6*d*., and paid them 9*l*. 13*s*. 8*d*., retaining 4*l*. 16*s*. 10*d*., or one third, by reason of his office. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xvi kal. January 1321.

R.I. f. 155.

Letter from the chapter of Wells to their friend and brother Master Gilbert de Middelton, praying his counsel and aid against those who invade their rights, which every canon is sworn to defend, as dean J. will more fully explain.

R.I. f. 155*d*.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John de Bruton and Master Richard de Plumstok canons, to appear in a parliament to be held at Westminster three weeks after Midsummer with Walter archbishop of Canterbury etc. Dated in the chapter house of Wells, viii id. July 1321.

R.I. f. 155*d*.

Receipt and indemnity by the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Robert vicar of Milverton and Sir Simon Cotyn vicar of the church of Wells, executors of Master Henry de Schavynton late archdeacon of Tanthon, for 5 marks for the fruits of the vacant church of Chedesey received in his lifetime. Dated Wells, St. Mary Magdalen 1321.

R.I. f. 155*d*.

Bond of John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter to Richard called Richeman of Wells in 40*l*. received as a loan by the hands of Richard de Bak warden of the fabric of their church for the use thereof, to be paid at Wells in the quinzaine of Michaelmas. Dated Wells in chapter, ix kal. September 1321.

R.I. f. 155*d*.

Letter from John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to John bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Master Richard de Baac deacon to the vicarage of Northcory. Dated Wells in chapter, iii id. September 1321.

R.I. f. 156.

Mandate of J. bishop of Bath and Wells to his official, having agreed that the dean and chapter of Wells shall take the fruits of vacant benefices in his diocese for his time, as they used in the days of his predecessors, to deliver to the archdeacon money collected by the dean of Poulet of the fruits of the church of Baudrip, sequestrated by reason of the vacancy, and due (as alleged) to the dean and chapter. Dated Stokwelle, xvi kal. September 1321.

R.I. f. 156.

(The bishop's answer to certain articles of the dean and chapter.)

1. As to the fruits of vacant benefices, the bishop is willing to grant the petition of the dean and chapter, according to the form drawn up in London, provided the word *notorie* be expunged.

2. As to the dean's jurisdiction similarly, subject to inquiry as to places etc.

As to the archdeacons' jurisdiction, he is willing they should exercise it as they used to do, saving to the bishop his proventions in the archdeaconries.

The bishop is willing to commission Master R. de Plumstok, Master J. Martel, Master W. de Hedyngton (*Edyngtone) and Master R. de Wamberghe to inquire and report touching the immunity of dignities; and he will pronounce what is just before the feast of All Saints.

As to the chapel of St. Columban, he is willing that inquiry be made, and it be done as used to be in his predecessors' days.

As to the bishop's procuration for consecrating prebendal churches, let them shew whether it be due or not.

As to impounding the dean's cattle on Ceddre moor, he grants that Sir J. de Clyvedon and Sir R. de Rodenye knights, Master R. de Plumstok and Master J. Martel may inquire and report, and he will do what is just.

As to the 100 marks deposited at Wells, he is ready to pay in the quinzaine of Easter next

As to W. de Cherleton's pension of 10*l.*, for arrears of which the dean and chapter claim 120*l.*, let it be argued before Easter, and he will pay within a year if it be due.

As to the mitres, pastoral staff, gloves with button of gold, and gold ring, let inquiry be made by the said commissioners, and a valuation.

As to the fruits of the chancellorship taken by the bishop, the chancellor shall be paid before Easter.

Evildoers shall be removed from the bishop's service, and shall come to Wells within fifteen days of Michaelmas to satisfy God, the church, and the injured parties.

Done in the chapter of Stret', Monday iv kal. October 1321, in presence of the bishop, dean, archdeacon of Wells, chancellor, and treasurer, Master R. de Plumstok, Master J. Martel canons of Wells, Master J. Brabazon S.T.P., Master W. de Edingdon, Master W. Broun, Master N. de Bathonia, Master J. de Midelton, and Master J. de Wambergh.

R.I. f. 156; II. f. 48*d*. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 22; Reynolds, App. I. p. 146.)

Absolution by the dean and chapter of Wells to Walter called le Barber, upon his petition and oath to do them no wrong in future, for the wrong done them by laying violent hands upon Adam Humwyn clerk, their messenger. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiv kal. November 1321.

R.I. f. 156.

Award of John bishop of Bath and Wells, by consent of the parties, in a dispute between John de Godelee dean of Wells and William de Jatton the subdean, touching the visitation of the church of Woky annexed to the subdeanery, claimed by the dean, which the subdean asserts to be with the bishop. The parties being called before the bishop, the dean complained that, whereas he had jurisdiction in the city and suburb of Wells and in foreign prebends, churches and chapels at a considerable distance, while the subdean had jurisdiction in his absence only, by virtue of an ordinance, in the city and suburb, the said subdean had usurped jurisdiction in the churches, chapels etc. of Evercriz (Evercrich), Chyldecompton, and Westbury, in the prebends of Dynre, Wormesterre and Dultyngcote, and in places in the parish of St.Cudbert, some at a distance, and none of them included in the city or suburb.

The bishop declares that Woky church, as regards jurisdiction, apart from the power assigned to the subdean, is subject immediately to himself, to the exclusion of the dean: the subdean to be content with the jurisdiction in the dean's absence over the city and suburb, that is to say the buildings immediately adjoining the said city, and not to touch places beyond. Sealed by the bishop, the parties, the chapters of Bath and of Wells. Done at Banewell, xiv kal. February 1310.

R.I. f. 156*d.*: repeated f. 188: II. f. 51.

Letter of credence by the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to Sir John de Mohun, in favour of their brother Sir William de Weston, who will mention matters touching the farm of Stokegummer assigned for their common fund, and the distribution to the canons and vicars. (*French.*)

R.I. f. 157.

Declaration by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter that, whereas the rectors, vicars and other ecclesiastical persons of the deanery of Tanton have given 1*d.* in the pound of their benefices in aid of the new belfry roof, that is not to be a precedent. Dated Wells, x kal. February 1321.

R.I. f. 157.

Petition of the dean and chapter to J. bishop of Bath and Wells to remove his official, owing to whom the dispute between them has arisen, to redeem his promise of sending the members of his household who wronged their clerks and messengers to make amends to God, the church, and the injured persons (none having done so except the barber), and to seal and send the enclosed commission on behalf of the tenants of the dean's prebend of Wedmore, as he had removed their other grievances, stating that the bishop's official was hindering them from obtaining the fruits of vacant benefices, their right to which the bishop had approved: also to deal with the treasury as with the other dignities of the church, for that they had since the inquisition found another writing sealed by bishop Jocelin touching the same.

R.I. f. 157.

Proxy by J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to W. archbishop of Canterbury, to appear on December 1 in the church of St. Paul London. (Incomplete).

R.I. f. 157*d.*

Memorandum that, on Tuesday after the Conversion of St. Paul 1321, the houses late of Master Robert de Gloucester, vacant by his death, were granted by the dean and chapter to Matthew Husee canon of Wells. Present in chapter, J. de Godelee dean, Master Thomas de Dylyngtone precentor, Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, Master Richard de Ford treasurer, Henry de Sanwyco

archdeacon of Bath, Michael de Estone succentor, William de Cherleton, Hamelin de Godelee, William de Weston, William de Bourne, Master Richard de Plumstok canons.

R.I. f. 157*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Tuesday before Easter 15 Edward II, of an indenture between John bishop of Bath and Wells and Sir Richard de Rodeneye knight, dated 15 April 11 Edward II, whereby the bishop granted the whole land and pasture called Netherhodech in the manor of Ceddre, and the whole pasture enclosed by Stokelak' in the manor of Westbury, to hold to Sir Richard and the heirs of his body of the bishop and his successors; and in exchange Sir Richard granted to the bishop and his successors 9 acres of meadow in Ceddre meadow, whereof 7½ lie in Lousi Mede and 1½ at the Medyate; witnessed by Sir John de Bello Campo of the marsh, Sir Matthew de Clivedon, Sir John de Clivedon knights, William Arthur, John de Draycote of Radlunch, William atte Forde, Richard de Wolphareshulle.

R.I. f. 157*d*.

Similar *inspeximus*, the same date, of an indenture between the same parties, also dated 15 April 11 Edward II, whereby Sir Richard de Rodeneye, as tenant of a moiety of the manor of Stok' Giffard, quitclaimed for himself, his heirs, his homages and tenants of Stok' Giffard, Draycote and Pridie his right of common in the bishop's manors of Woky, Westbury, Pridie, Eston, Dreycote and Cedre by reason of his lands in Stok' Giffard, so that the bishop's ministers might impound all cattle of theirs found therein; and the bishop for himself, his successors and his whole homage in his manors aforesaid, quitclaimed his right of common in the whole manor of Stok' Giffard, in demesne lands, meadows, moors, woods and crofts; witnessed by Sir John de Bello Campo of the marsh, Sir John de Clivedon, Sir William Malherbe, Sir Thomas de Gornay, Sir Thomas de Weleslegh knights, William Arthur, John de Hampton, John de Northelode, John de Draycote.

R.I. f. 157*d*.

Memorandum that on Wednesday xviii kal. May 1302 (*sic*), J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter assembled in the chapter house at the first hour, after ringing the bell, and after conference touching their churches and manors of Lovyngtone, Modeford and Lydiard, resolved to request the dean to take the same for the advantage of the church. Next day in the chapter house assembled at the third hour the dean, precentor, chancellor, succentor, William de Cherleton, William de Weston, Hamelin de Godelee, William de Clopcote and Richard de Plumstok canons, when the churches and manors of Lovyngtone and Modeford were granted to John the dean at a yearly rent of 23*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*., but the dean desired to postpone the matter owing to the absence of certain brethren: next day in the chapter house appeared also the treasurer, the

archdeacon of Bath, William de Borne, Andrew de Drokenesford and Master . . . de Heselschawe, and it was resolved as before.

R.I. f. 158.

Memorandum that the same day the church of Lydiard was similarly granted to William de Borne for 20*l.*

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Mandate of the dean and chapter to all knights, free tenants and others of the manor of Lovyngton and the churches of Lovyngton and Modiford to be answerable to John de Godelee as their lessee. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 17 April 1322.

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Grant by the dean and chapter of Wells to John de Godelee of all their lands tenements and churches of Lovyngton and Modyford, to hold for life of them and their successors, at a yearly rent of 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 17 April 1322.

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Letter of J. de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter to Hervey de Staunton canon of Wells, requesting him to issue a writ against John de Barton the bishop's bailiff and receiver of his liberty of Wells to give them an acquittance for 115*s.* 1½*d.* paid him to content a demand of the king's Exchequer, whereof they have his tally, but are nevertheless being distrained by the sheriff of Somerset; also a *dedimus potestatem* to W. de Bourn or some other canon to act for them before the said Hervey against the said John.

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Grant of John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter to William de Cherleton canon of a yearly pension of 10 marks of their common goods so long as he shall be a canon, to be paid at Easter 1324. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xvii kal. August 1322.

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Resignation by William de Cherleton canon of Wells into the hands of the dean and chapter of his farm of the church of Cheddre. Dated Wells, xvii kal. August 1322.

R.I. f. 158*d.*

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to the king, in answer to the request made on his behalf by Master Robert de Cantuar' and Master John de Schordich clerks for the loan of 100 marks bequeathed by William de Marchia late bishop of Bath and Wells in aid of the Holy Land, and deposited in the church of Wells until the next general passage thither, stating that the money is in the bishop's hands, but consenting that the king may have it for two years, and praying his bond and indemnity towards the pope and others. Dated Wells in chapter, the morrow of the Assumption.

R.I. f. 159.

Letter of the dean and chapter to John bishop of Bath and Wells, informing him of the king's request and that the messengers, when told that the money was in the bishop's hands, and he must be consulted, angrily pressed for their consent to the loan, wherefore they, not daring to resist, gave their consent as above. Dated Wells in chapter, the morrow of the Assumption.

R.I. f. 159.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 21 November 1322, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to John de Aulton (Awelton) his yeoman and Paulina his wife of a tenement in his manor of Banewell, late of William de Banwell deceased, at the former rent; dated Wyvelescoumbe, 10 October 1321.

R.I. f. 159*d*. (Compare Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 193).

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated Tuesday after St. Cuthbert 1322, of a grant made by John de Godelee the dean to William Uppehulle of Schildene, Alice Kyppyng of Cockelake his wife, and Margaret daughter of the said Alice, of a messuage, 5 acres 1 perch of arable land and 7 acres of meadow in Wedmor and Merkeham, which Christina la Riche formerly held in villenage in his manor of Wedmor, and 5½ acres of meadow in Tadham by the Moryete in the manor of Modeslee, to hold of the dean and his successors freely etc. for their lives, at a yearly rent of 10*s*. 2¼*d*. payable quarterly, with warranty; for which the said William and Alice have rendered to the dean's hands a messuage, half a virgate of land and 17½ acres of meadow at Holbrok in the manor of Modeslegh, and 2 acres of meadow in the moor, which they held at will; witnessed by John le Riche, Walter de Farndon, John Peres, Nicholas atte Pulle, Richard the smith (*fabro*), Richard de Morton, John Manschupe; and dated Wells, Wednesday after St. Gregory Pope 16 Edward II.

R.I. f. 159*d*.

Letter of credence from John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to W. bishop of Exeter the king's treasurer, in favour of their brother William de Bourne, praying a remedy in certain matters which affect them all, and some of them in particular.

R.I. f. 160.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to J. bishop of Bath and Wells as to repeated requests made by the prioress and convent of Kyngton, *aviditate feminea*, for their assent to the appropriation of the church of Twyverton granted by the bishop, which they are unwilling to give as opposed to the interests of the church, the chapter and the archdeacon, as well as to the canons and the institutes of Oto and Ottobonus; stating that, though they cannot without canonical institution hold a benefice, the nuns have entered the said church, and in spite of the sequestration by

the ordinary, are disposing of the fruits during vacancy; and praying the bishop to revoke the appropriation. Dated Wells in chapter, the morrow of Sunday when *misericordia domini* is sung.

R.I. f. 160.

Letter of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to Sir Hugh le Despenser earl of Winchester in favour of Master John Martel canon of Wells, who will reply to his letter of request for the appropriation of the church of Twyverton to the prioress and convent of Munechynekyngton. (*French*).

R.I. f. 160*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells appointing John de Jevelton to take the account of their bailiffs, reeves and other ministers. Dated in the chapter of Wells, the Beheading of St. John 17 Edward II. (*French*).

R.I. f. 160*d*.

Grant by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to William de Cherleton canon of a yearly pension of 10 marks, payable half yearly of their manor of Northcory, to commence at Michaelmas 1323. Dated in the chapter of Wells, xvii kal. August 1322.

R.I. f. 160*d*.

Mandate (undated) of John Walwayn the king's escheator south of Trent to William de Braybrok not to meddle with the dean and chapter of Wells without special instructions, for that he has received a writ of *oster la mayn*. (*French*).

R.I. f. 160*d*.

Grant and quitclaim by William 'late' son of Master Peter Canutus to Sir Roger the chaplain parson of Chiuton of his manse at Wells, granted him for life by his said father under a yearly cess of 18*d*. payable to the chapter, in consideration of 6 marks. Witnesses: Peter dean of Wells, William precentor of Wells, Alardus chancellor of Wells, Lambert subdean of Wells, with other canons and vicars (not named), Roger le Flemeng, Richard de Maulesberg', Reginald de Hornigdun, Walter the chamberlain.

R.I. f. 161.

Grant in frank almoin by William Buche of Wells to St. Andrew and the chapter of Wells, for the souls of himself, Alice his wife and his ancestors, of his houses purchased of Miles vicar of Wells, late of John de Cardunvill, at Muntoria in Wells, subject to a yearly rent of 2*d*. payable to Joscelin Hubert chaplain and his heirs, and of 2*d*. to John Knuth and his heirs at Michaelmas, for all demands saving 6*s*. yearly towards the obit of grantor and Alice his wife, to be divided among the clerks of the choir present

at the office. Witnesses : P. prior of the hospital, Robert Gyffard, Geoffrey de Brideport, Hubert, Lawrence the reeve, Stephen Buch', Richard Norreys.

R.I. f. 162.

Grant by Roger Burgeys to Richard son of Ivo Code of a messuage with curtilage, formerly of William his father, between the house late of Ralph Preciosus and that late of John de Cardevill, with a curtilage ground next the said curtilage, purchased of Mirabel daughter of the said John de Cardevill, 40ft. in width and 80ft. in length, to hold of grantor and his heirs for ever at a yearly rent of 6*d*. payable quarterly to Sir John de Palton and his heirs, of 3*d*. to Sir Ernisius de Dunhevede and his heirs, and of 2*d*. for the ground last mentioned to Sir John de Palton and his heirs, with warranty ; in exchange for a messuage late of the said Ivo the father, lying in the high street of Wells, between that late of Richard de Well' canon of Wells, and that late of Maud daughter of Arnold Code. Witnesses : Philip de Wik', Bartholomew de Emneberg' knights, Walter the chamberlain, William Buch', Lawrence son of William, John Mogge, John the spenser, John de Winton, Nicholas the dyer, Gilbert son of the archdeacon.

R.I. f. 162.

Grant by Richard son of Ivo Code to Sir William Archdeacon vicar of Wells of his messuage late of Roger Burgeys between the house late of Ralph Preciosus and that late of John de Cardevill, half an acre of land in Chaluecroft by the grove of Sir Philip de Wik, and three selds in the high street of Wells late of Ivo his father, to hold of grantor and his heirs for ever, subject to a yearly rent of 8*d*. payable quarterly to Sir John de Palton and his heirs, of 3*d*. to Sir Ernisius de Dunheved and his heirs, and to the bishop of 2*d*. for one seld and 8*d*. for the other two, with warranty, in consideration of half a mark paid when grantor went to Ireland, a quitclaim of all costs incurred on his behalf against Roger Burgeys, and competent food and clothing in Wells during grantor's life, and grantor will be faithful and obedient to him. Oath of said Richard in the hand of Sir Ralph de Button chaplain. Witnesses : Master Robert de Berkeley subdean of Wells, Sir Miles, Ralph de Button, Sir Clement, Sir Reginald de Well' vicars of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, William Buche, Lawrence son of William, John Mogge, Randolph the shepherd, Roger Boye.

R.I. f. 162*d*.

Grant by William called Archdeacon vicar of Wells to St. Andrew and the dean and chapter of his houses in Wells near those late of Ralph Preciosus, to be committed to whom they will successively to reside in, the tenant being answerable yearly for grantor's anniversary of the rent thence issuing, and they for the yearly rent of 11*d*. to the chief lords. Witnesses : Walter Hubert, Richard Lundr', John Mogge, John Annor', John the cook, Master Simon de Sancto Albano, Richard Nor[reys].

R.I. f. 163.

Ratification by John bishop of Bath and Wells of a statute made by the dean and chapter of Wells at a special chapter, permitting every canon to have his books in the choir, with his own light, when he shall think fit, since they cannot know the hours by heart, provided the vicars may not sing by book, or become more negligent. Dated Banewell, kal. August 1323.

R.I f. 163

Memorandum of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells, to end the difference between himself and John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter touching the fruits of vacant benefices in the diocese, claimed by the dean and chapter by statute of John (*sic*) bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and by immemorial usage, that they may take the said fruits as in the days of his predecessors. Dated Wells, xviii kal. January 1321.

R.I. f. 163: II. f. 49. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 198). See note above, page 194.

Memorandum of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the intervention of friends in a dispute between himself and John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, that the dean and chapter and their successors may exercise by the dean the jurisdiction claimed by them in the church of St. Andrew Wells and in all prebends and prebendal churches thereof in the diocese except Barton, in the churches of Nitherstawey, Caramptone, Westludeford, Winesham, Evecriz, Westbury, Childcomptone, Bromfelde, Lovynton, Bishop's Lydeyard, Northcury, St. Cuthbert Wells and Ceddre and the chapels to the same annexed, and upon the clergy and people there, causes of plaints and appeals excepted. Dated Wells, xviii kal. January 1321.

R.I. f. 163*d*.: II. f. 49*d*. (Reg. Drokensford, 198).

Commission by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Richard de Plumbestok and Master John Martell canons of Wells, William de Edingdon (Edingtone) and Robert de Wamberghe his clerks or three of them, to inquire and report touching the liberty and immunity of the dignities of the church of Wells, the names of places and the persons over which the dean of Wells used to exercise jurisdiction, whether the chapel of St. Columban at Ceddre was the king's free chapel when he held that manor, and who used to meddle with it in his predecessors' days, and the value of two old mitres, one pastoral staff, gloves with gilded buttons, and a gold ring. Dated Wevelescoumb, non. October 1321.

R.I. f. 163*d*.. II. f. 49. (Reg. Drokensford, 194).

Memorandum of a grant made by J. bishop of Bath and Wells, to terminate a dispute between himself and the precentor and chancellor of Wells, that during his time the precentor and chancellor shall have jurisdiction over the churches of Pulton and Kyngisbury, which are dignities in the church of Wells, and the

parishioners, as their predecessors used to have from time immemorial, causes of plaints and appeals excepted. Dated Blakeford, xviii kal. January 1321.

R.I. f. 164: II. f. 50. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 199.

Bond of J. bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells in 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for two mitres received of them, one valued at 10*l.* the other at 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid at Michaelmas 1323: and receipt for a pastoral staff valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, a gold ring with a sapphire, gloves with gold buttons, and sandals valued at 50*s.*, to be given back at his death or the value aforesaid paid. Dated Blakford, xviii kal. January 1321.

R.I. f. 164: II. f. 50. Reg. Drokensford, 198.

Grant by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter (in consideration of the purchase for the church of St. Andrew by Robert Burnell formerly bishop of Bath and Wells of the churches of Jevelton, Burnham, Staunton Dru and Coleworth (*sic*) with the intent of appropriating the church of Burnham to the dean and chapter for his obit and towards the maintenance of the fabric; and of the gift by Walter de Haselschagh now bishop, in pursuance of that intent, by consent of the king, of two acres of land with the patronage of Burnham, after conference with the chapter of Bath, and by ordinance of bishop Walter) of 10*l.* of their common goods yearly to be paid in the cathedral church of Wells by their communar towards a service for the health or souls of King Edward, Queen Margaret, Eleanor late queen, her consort and children, bishops Robert and Walter, their predecessors and successors, the deans, canons etc. by two chaplains: 10 marks thereof to be paid quarterly to such chaplains (who shall not be vicars) towards their maintenance, and they shall daily celebrate two masses and service for the dead at the altars of St. Mary and St. Andrew by the entrance to the choir; 4*s.* yearly to them towards the maintenance of the light, ornaments, bread and wine for the said altars; 20*s.* yearly towards the anniversary of bishop Robert on St. Crispin and St. Crispinianus' day to be divided among the canons and vicars present at the service; 10*s.* to buy bread for the poor on that day; 20*s.* on the morrow of the Purification (or St. Blaise) to the canons and vicars who shall celebrate a mass with the office *salus populi* for the health of bishop Walter yearly during his life, and 10*s.* that day to the poor, and after his death the same sums on the day of his obit; 2*s.* to the said communar for his labour, and 8*d.* to the sacrist for sounding the gong. For this service bishop Walter has chosen Sir Robert de Derby and Sir Richard de Marchesleyg' chaplains: in case of removal the dean, or in default the subdean or chief dignitary, shall nominate a substitute, the dean and chapter submitting themselves to the jurisdiction of the bishop for the time being in this matter, and to his visitation. In triplicate: one copy to remain with the bishop, one in the treasury of Wells, the third with the executors

and heirs of bishop Robert. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 5 January 1306.

R.I. f. 164. See an *inspeximus*, original deeds No. 166; and compare Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc. ix. 256.

Declaration by the dean and chapter to all rectors and vicars throughout the deanery of Axebrug' that the tenth of their benefices, granted by them for an aid to the new fabric of the church of Wells, and for the translation thither of the body of William de Marchia late bishop of Bath and Wells, to be paid within two years after Michaelmas 1326, shall not be a precedent to their prejudice; and if within the said two years the papal see, or the archbishop by consent of the prelates and clergy, shall lawfully exact other tenths or any greater impost, the said tenth shall be postponed. Dated in the chapter house Wells, vii kal. January 1326.

R.I. f. 165.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated iii id. November the same year, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells, by assent of both chapters, to William de Belvero master of the house of St. Mark Bristol and the brethren, of the advowson of the church of Overstaweyey, with warranty; dated Banewell, 1 October 1326.

R.I. f. 165*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated iv id. November the same year, of the appropriation of the church of Overstaweiey by John bishop of Bath and Wells, after conference with both chapters, to the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark Bristol, the patrons, for that they are bound (besides other alms) to feed a hundred poor, and part of their lands near the sea have been submerged by an inundation, to enter upon the death or cession of the now rector, saving to the dean and chapter for the fabric of their church 40*s*. yearly at Michaelmas in recompense for the sequestration of fruits during vacancies, to the bishop and his successors power of appointing a vicarage, the vicars to be by them collated, and the dues of the bishop and archdeacon; dated Blakeford, x kal. November 1326.

R.I. f. 165*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 1 July the same year, of an assignment made by Hervey de Stanton canon of Wells and prebendary of Dunden, by assent of bishop John and of the dean and chapter, to John now vicar of the said prebend, of a piece of land, parcel of the garden of the parsonage messuage of the said prebend, 5 perches in length and 4½ perches in breadth (16½ feet the perch), lying by the messuage late of Henry Calebat to the south, and extending upon the high street there on the west side, as divided

from the residue thereof by metes and bounds, to hold to the said vicar and his successors at the presentation of the prebendary for the time being for their dwelling, to be built etc. at their charges, for that in past times they had no fixed residence save from time to time in the parsonage houses by permission of the prebendary; dated Wells, 26 June 1327.

R.I. f. 166.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 1 July 1327, with proviso that after the death of John Peche the land shall revert to the bishop and his successors in default of issue of the grantees, of a grant in form of an indenture made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to John Peche, Muriel his wife and the heirs of the body of the said John begotten upon the said Muriel, of 21 acres of waste in his manor of Compton county Somerset lying in the Schute (whereof 12 acres were granted to the said John by Walter the last bishop, and the residue are now first granted) at a yearly rent of 10*s*. 6*d*. payable at Michaelmas and Easter for all demands saving the king's service, to hold of the bishop and his successors; sealed by the parties, witnessed by Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Matthew de Clyvedon, Sir Richard de Rodeneye, and Sir John Randolf knights, Hugh de Langelond, Roger de Hanam, Richard de Wolfereshull, William de Forde; and dated Blakeford, Sunday after St. Giles Abb. 12 Edward II.

R.I. f. 166*d*.

Mandate of the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Richard de Baak' vicar of Northcory their official to cite the abbot of Atelnye as one of the canons to appear in the chapter house on Wednesday after St. Peter and St. Paul in order to confer upon matters affecting the estate of their church and the secrets of the chapter. Dated Wells, 1327.

R.I. f. 166*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to John bishop of Bath and Wells presenting Sir Henry de Schireboourne priest to the second chantry of Master Henry Husee late dean. Dated in the chapter house Wells, iii kal. March 1327.

R.I. f. 167.

Letter of the chapter of Wells to the assembly of canons of Salisbury, praying information as to the manner of the bishop's visitation in their chapter, whether he should visit all canons or [only] dignitaries (*personas in dignitate constitutas*), and whether the bishop or any other except the dignitary himself should visit the *corpora dignitatum*; the church of Wells from its original foundation, by ordinance of Robert bishop of Bath, with counsel of archbishops, bishops etc., and at the instance of the canons thereof, having followed the statutes and customs of Salisbury in such matters. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 1 October.

R.I. f. 167.

Reply of the *locum tenens* of the dean of Salisbury (who is in distant parts) and the chapter to the above letter, stating that, though some bishops have attempted to visit their chapter, none has ever actually visited the chapter, the dignities, or the *corpora dignitatum* either in their days or in times past to their knowledge, but excesses of the canons are to be corrected by the chapter at the bishop's monition. Dated in the chapter of Salisbury, 4 October.

R.I. f. 167: III. f. 22*d*.

Memorandum that 20 August 1327, the brethren meeting in chapter, after ringing the bell, to confer upon a concord concerning the church of Stokgomer between themselves and Master John de Bruton canon of Wells, who craved the same for his farm due to him, as he alleged, by the custom of the church, it was agreed that the said John, in recompense for his costs for the suit, shall take for three years as much as a simple canon for his residence, the daily distributions excepted; the present year to be reckoned the first.

R.I. f. 167 (repeated f. 167*d*., but there cancelled).

Petition of the dean and chapter to Pope J[ohn XXII] that Master Alan de Conesburg' doctor of civil law may by papal provision of a canonry and prebend be added to their college. Dated in the chapter house Wells, 11 August.

R.I. f. 167*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Alan de Conesburg', thanking him for past services, and praying his aid against the machinations of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, whom they suspect of efforts to obtain divers exemptions and privileges harmful to the liberties of Wells, suggesting that it would be opportune to learn the truth of the pope's secretaries, and to inform them of the facts in order that they may come to the pope's ears; and stating that, having consulted the bishop and obtained his support, they have reason to hope a prebend will be conferred upon the said Alan when there shall be a vacancy, and therefore have for the present deferred writing on his behalf to the court [of Rome]. Dated in the chapter house of Wells, the morrow of the Conversion of St. Paul.

R.I. f. 167*d*.

Proceedings before the dean and chapter of Wells, Thursday the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1323. Andrew de Drokenesford prebendary of Jatton appeared and acknowledged himself bound to J. de Godelee the dean in 45*l*. 7*s*. 2½*d*. levied of goods of Master Richard de Abyndon prebendary of Jatton deceased, which came to the said Andrew, as by a bond in the custody of Michael de Eston may appear. Present, Master T. chancellor, Master Richard treasurer, Master R. de Plympstok, Michael de Eston,

W. de Cherleton, Matthew Huse, Hamelin de Godele, William de Cloppecot, Master J. de Wamberg', J. de Middleton, Richard de Bak, Luke de Harpetre and John de Bogelegh.

R.I. f. 168.

Receipt from the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Henry rector of Burnham for 8*l.* 19*s.* 9½*d.* in part payment of the yearly pension of 10*l.* due from his church by grant of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells for Michaelmas 1323; and allowance of 20*s.* paid to the abbot and convent of Muchelneye, collectors in the city and diocese of Bath and Wells of the first year's tenth granted to the king for two years by Pope John XXII, and of 2½*d.* paid to the dean of Axebrigg for one convert teaching Hebrew at Oxford, namely ¼*d.* the pound. Dated Wells, iii kal. October the same year.

R.I. f. 168.

Audit by the dean and chapter of Wells of the account of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton and Sir John de Draycote priests, farmers of the brotherhood of St. Andrew Wells and of bequests throughout the bishopric of Bath to the fabric of the said church, finding that they have paid to the wardens of the fabric all money received to date except 2 marks each year remitted at the instance of friends, but reserving to the chapter henceforward such legacies. Dated in the chapter of Wells, the morrow of St. John Baptist 1323.

R.I. f. 168.

Certificate by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter that Sir Robert de Welles, canon in the priory of St. Mary in Southwerk London, is a free man, and lawful son of Reginald called Begeyn and Emma his wife, who were married at the church of St. Cuthbert Wells. Dated Wells in chapter, Sunday after All Saints 1323.

R.I. f. 168*d.*

Licence by John dean of Wells and the chapter to Luke de Harpetre, vicar in the cathedral and priest, to visit the holy places on pilgrimage, and return to his vicarage, provided he find a substitute in the mean time; and declaration that the said Luke has not been suspended, excommunicated, nor detected in crime. Dated Wells in chapter, iii non. November 1323.

R.I. f. 168*d.*

Grant indented by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter Spark and Cristina his wife, of a tenement with curtilage, which they had by gift of William de Bathonia the younger vicar of the said church, situate in Chamberlain street Wells, also of a curtilage on the south side of the said tenement, formerly held for life by John de Garslade and Joan his wife, to hold for their lives of grantors and their successors at a yearly rent of 16*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly, with warranty. Witnesses: Adam

de Cheleworth, Edmund de Weleslegh, Thomas de Testwode, John de Palton, William de Quenyngton. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Sunday after St. Martin B. 1323.

R.I. f. 168*d*.

Receipt from the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir H. rector of Burnham for 9*l*., in part payment of the yearly pension of 10*l*. due from the church of Burnham by grant of bishop Walter for Michaelmas term 1324; and allowance of 20*s*. paid to the abbot and convent of Muchelnye, collectors of the second year's tenth granted to the king by Pope John XXII. Dated Wells, iii kal. October the same year.

R.I. f. 169.

Sale by the dean of Wells and the chapter to Alice who was wife of William Gyan of the custody of the lands which the said William held of them by knight service in their manor of Northcory, and the marriage of Robert his son and heir, with warranty. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Thursday before St. Katherine 15 Edward II.

R.I. f. 169*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to John bishop of Bath and Wells, presenting Sir John de Saltforde rector of Radestok to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells, by exchange with Sir Richard now vicar. Dated in the chapter house Wells, xviii kal. February 1324.

R.I. f. 169*d*.

Citation by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas de Retfford canon to appear at a special chapter after St. Matthias to consider the grievances of their church. Dated the chapter house Wells, xiii kal. February 1324.

R.I. f. 169*d*.

Proxy of the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Alan de Conesborgh and Master Richard de Baac to obtain papal letters etc. Dated Wells the chapter house, ii kal. February 1324.

R.I. f. 170.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Monday after St. Peter *in cathedra* 25 [February] the same year, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to his yeoman John de Acres for praiseworthy service, and to John son of Robert de Strode, of the whole tenement with lands, feedings, meadows and pastures, late held in villenage by Alice Offre, in Puttingthrop in his manor of Banewell, to hold for their lives of the bishop and his successors freely etc. at a yearly rent of 26*s*. 8*d*. payable quarterly, for all demands saving the king's service, with warranty. Dated Northcory county Somerset, 16 February 1324.

R.I. f. 170. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 240.

Appropriation by John bishop of Bath and Wells, with consent of the chapters of Bath and Wells, to Nicholas abbot of Keynesham and the convent of the order of St. Augustine, founded by William earl of Gloucester (Gloucornia, Glovernia), of the parish church of Heglhington (Heghelitleton) whereof they are patrons, in consideration of their loss by fraud and oppression of great tithes at Stoke in the parish of Chyw assigned to them at the foundation of their house, also (by default of their trusted counsel, by their simplicity, and by the lordship of the then archbishop their adversary therein) of 12 marks yearly pension from the church of Bradestok' (Bradestede) in Canterbury diocese anciently granted to augment their kitchen, and damage by mortality of cattle, barrenness of lands and floods of waters ; reserving to the archdeacon of Bath a yearly procuration of 10*s.* at his visitation, to the church of Wells a yearly rent of 5*s.* at Midsummer in recompense for the loss of vacancies, and saving to the bishop and his successors power to appoint a vicarage, the said abbot and convent to present, also the bishop's rights and those of the churches of Bath and Wells. Dated Wells, vi non. March 1324.

Confirmation by the prior and convent of Bath, same date.

Confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, same date.

R.I. f. 170*d*. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 178, 242.

Acceptance and ratification by Nicholas abbot of Keynesham and the convent of the above appropriation to them of the church of Heghelitleton, and of the procuration and yearly rent of the fruits or proventions of the said church thereby reserved, with power to the dean and chapter of Wells and to the archdeacon of Bath to enforce payment. Dated in the chapter of Keynesham, vii id. March the same year.

R.I. f. 171. III. f. 181.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godeley dean of Wells and the chapter, dated Sunday before St. Gregory the same year, of a grant made by the dean to Thomas de Haselchaw his yeoman for life of a messuage, 16 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in his manor of Wedemor which Walter Geffray lately held of him ; also 8 acres of pasture in Wedmor moor, whereof 3½ acres lie in the Ouemestforlang between Lacham Lake and Pulmedesdich, late held at will by William (Bile) le Waliche, and 4½ acres in the Middelforlang by the meadow of Bartholomew de Bourgh ; also 2 acres of meadow in Tadham in his manor of Modesley by land of Robert atte Hethe, to hold of the dean and his successors freely etc. at a yearly rent of 6*s.* 5¼*d.* payable quarterly, with warranty: witnessed by Hugh de Longelond knight, Roger Hanam, Walter de Farnedon, William de Modeslehg', Nicholas atte Pulle, John Gyllyng ; and dated Wedmor, Monday before St. Gregory P. 18 Edward II.

R.I. f. 171.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to their friend Sir John de Grandi Sono, requesting him to present to the pope, or cause

to be presented by one of the cardinals, a petition for the canonisation of William de Marchia formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, and setting forth the merits of the said bishop, and his claims to that honour. Written at Wells, 5 June 1324.

R.I. f. 171*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to Master R. de Wamberg' canon of Wells, stating that they confided their counsels and desires to Master Lawrence de la Warr', believing that he had started as the king's ambassador to the court of Rome, concerning the business of the chapter and the canonisation of William de Marchia formerly bishop of Bath and Wells ; but Master John de Bruton, their adversary therein, is about to go to the said court, and they fear his influence against them owing to his position as the king's messenger ; and praying him to consult with friends in London about a remedy, and send a reply by Master Richard Back and Master John de Irigg' the bearers, their proctors in the court of Rome, and also to send word soon by Stephen Trippe what has been done in the matter. Copy of their letter to the chancellor enclosed. They have written to Master Thomas de Plumbstock to follow Wamberg's directions, if they find grace in the king's sight. Dated Wells, 4 June 1324.

R.I. f. 172.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to their brother Master Robert de Baldok archdeacon of Medelsex and the king's chancellor, stating the claims of bishop William de Marchia to canonisation, praying his influence with the king to address letters to the pope and cardinals who are his friends at the court of Rome in that behalf, and recommending to him the bearer, Master Robert de Wamberg'. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 2 June 1324.

R.I. f. 172.

Letter of J. ' minister of the church of Bath and Wells ' to Master William de Testa cardinal priest of St. Siriacus, stating the claims of bishop William called de Marchia his predecessor to canonisation and praying . . . . . (Incomplete.)

R.I. f. 172*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter of Wells to Master J. de Yrigge and Master Richard Baak their proctors in the court of Rome, stating that Master J. de Bruton their adversary is about to go thither on the king's business, and praying their vigilance to defeat his machinations ; stating also that they have resolved after conference with the bishop, to procure the canonisation of bishop William de Marchia, for which the bishop has written to William de Testa and Luke de Flisco (copies enclosed) ; and sending them letters to deliver to J. de Grandi Sono, with a roll of the miracles which have come to light in the diocese of Bath and Wells since the said bishop's death, and a request to forward the matter by procuring the appointment of the bishops of Salis-

bury and Llandaff, the abbots of Glastonbury, Schirborn, Michelney, Athelney and Keynesham to examine the proof of the miracles aforesaid ; with promise of payment for these and other services.

R.I. f. 172*d*.

Letter of the dean and chapter to the archdeacon of Wells, intimating the vicars' complaint that their stipends of the grange of Wells are not paid at the due times, and that bread is not provided for the Eucharist, suggesting that this cannot be with his knowledge, and requesting him to put it right at once.

R.I. f. 173.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated Thursday St. James Ap. 19 Edward II, of a grant indented made by John de Godelee dean of Wells to Roger de Schutton and Nicholaa his wife of a messuage and 2 acres of arable land in his manor of Modeslee which Robert de Foghell formerly held in villenage, 12 acres of arable land and 2½ acres of meadow in his manor of Wedmor which Thomas the thresher (*triturator*) formerly held in villenage, and 6 acres of pasture in Wedmor moor lying between Lachamlake and Pulmedesweye, to hold of the dean and his successors freely etc. for their lives, at a yearly rent of 9*s*. 4½*d*. payable quarterly, with warranty ; witnessed by John le Rich, Walter de Farnedon, John Piers, Nicholas atte Pulle, Richard the smith (*fabro*), Richard de Morton, John Manchuppe ; and dated Wells, Wednesday after St. Mary Magdalen 19 Edward II.

R.I. f. 173.

Audit by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter of the account of Henry de Sandwyco archdeacon of Bath of vacant churches and vicarages within his jurisdiction, from Michaelmas 1321 to v non. July, finding that he has received 64*s*. 3*d*. and paid them 42*s*. 10*d*., deducting his third share. Dated in the chapter of Wells, v non. [July] 1325.

R.I. f. 173*d*.

[Memorandum that, 30 October 1325 at the great account, it was appointed by the dean and chapter of Wells that the churches of Lydeyard, Stok'gomer, Ceddre and Congresbyry should be charged with the rent paid when they were let to farm, and that sum should be delivered to the communar, the surplus to the chancellor and treasurer towards the debts of the church of Wells, at the disposition of the dean and chapter : the same with the other farms, when they come to the chapter's hands.]

R.I. f. 173*d*. (cancelled).

Memorandum that on the vigil of St. Martin 1325, at the first hour, after ringing the bell, William de Pencriz canon of Wells was appointed steward of the dean and chapter.

Also it was appointed that the residue of the assessment of his prebend of Ilton should be paid to Master Geoffrey de Eton canon

of Wells of the first money arising from vacant prebends; and Roger de Westebyry their escheator was charged with payment.

Also whereas the bishop has conferred a moiety of the proventions of his visitation upon the fabric of the new church, the dean and chapter specially deputed Master Robert de Wamberg' canon to collect the same.

Also whereas the stalls in the choir are ruinous and unsightly, it was ordained that every canon, dignitary and official should make his stall at his own cost, and if necessary by compulsion of the dean.

Also it was appointed by the dean and chapter the morrow of the Circumcision 1325 that every canon should pay for making his stall 30*s*., half in the quinzaine of the Purification, and half on Michaelmas day next.

R.I. f. 173*d*.

(Petition to the Pope for the canonisation of bishop William de Marchia.)

Sanctissimo in Christo patri ac domino suo domino Johanni, digna dei providencia sacrosancte Romane et universalis ecclesie summo pontiffici, sui humiles et devoti Walterus permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas, Stephanus Londoniensis, Walterus Exoniensis, Johannes Cicestrensis, Henricus Lyncolniensis, Rogerus Coventrensis et Lichefeldensis, Johannes Bathoniensis et Wellensis, Thomas Wygornensis et Adam Herefordensis episcopi cum omni obediencia et reverencia subiectiva pedum oscula beatorum. Quoniam questionem fidei sacrorum canonum tradiciones sedi vestre beatitudinis cum sit de maioribus causis specialiter reservarunt, et miracula fidei attribuantur, questionem miraculorum, cum sit de fide, merito sanctitatis vestre sedi attribuamur referendam. Ne igitur referenda subticuisse communicamur (? convincamur), in vestre sanctitatis iniuriam et confessoris Christi contumeliam, pro quo altissimus incessanter virtuosa miracula indies operari non desistit, celebria miracula que potencia fiunt ad laudem recolendi viri Willelmi de Marchia quondam Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi vestre sanctitatis culmini cum presentibus presentamus. Hic nempe zona iusticie vita vixit circumcinctus, et ideo corona glorie a domino meruit coronari ut speramus. Fuit enim vivens vir simplex et humilis, attendens quod superbis resistit Deus et humilibus dat graciam, laboribus multis continue deditus, ne angelus Sathane aliquando ipsum ociosum inveniens in imum (? vicium) duceret vel errorem, moribus castus ut animam suam domino commendaret cum fiducia, actibus strenuus, omnem enim etatem a puerilibus exordiis usque ad perfeccionis annos per discipline ecclesiastice stipendia transcurrebat ut regimen religionis augeret et discrimen reprimeret mundiale, et idcirco iuxta id quod scriptum est, 'Videant opera vestra bona, et glorificent patrem vestrum qui in celis est'. Oportet hec eciam presenti testificacione vestre sanctitati predicari, et bone fame preconiis non tacere. Et sane ut insinuatis de eo miraculis fidem adhibeat uberiorem, vestre beatitudinis cacumen, ea ex deo non ex arte, non secundum set contra

naturam, non vi verborum set ipsius hominis merito, et ad fidei corroboracionem attendere dignetur contigisse. Ne igitur pater sanctissime ulterius lateat granum oppressum palea, lucerna sub modio abscondita, corpus tanti confessoris fossum in terra, ad concurrencium catervatim undique turbarum devocionis augmentum, et nominis Christi exultacionem, vestre beatitudinis clemenciam genibus flexis extensisque manibus humiliter deprecamur quatinus ad attollendum tante sanctitatis virum, qui intencionis pure, perfecti operis et recti sermonis semper existens, oppressis opem ferri miseris, egentes alere, nudos vestire, quasi a primis cunabulis humiliter studuit et devote, vestre pie paternitatis aciem convertere, de solita benignitate dignemini graciose, et ex premissis informacione recepta ad eius canonizacionem procedendum fore discernere si libeat, cum effectu. Eternitas illa a qua fluunt eva et tempora multiplicet vobis proprios pacis annos. Datum apud Lamhuth, pridie nonas Decembres anno domini millesimo CCCmo vicesimo quinto.

R.I. f. 174.

Petition [of the king] to the pope on behalf of William de Marchia late bishop of Bath and Wells, and treasurer to his father, *quatimus thessaurum huiusmodi a loco inferiori quo detinetur inclusum ad locum celebriorem cuntis fidelibus venerandum transferri vestra solicitudo precipiat et ascribere dignetur chatalogo sanctorum venerando.*

R.I. f. 174.

Form of petition to the cardinals.

R.I. f. 174*d*.

Commission from John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Wamberg' canon and Master J. de Midelton clerk to collect the money for the new stalls from the several canons. Dated in chapter, iii non. January 1325.

R.I. f. 174*d*.

Agreement, dated ix kal. June 1326, between the dean and chapter of Wells, to whom the parish church of St. Cuthbert in the city of Wells was appropriated, on the one part, and Master Thomas de Cherleton archdeacon of Wells and perpetual farmer thereof on the other part, whereby Master Thomas grants to the dean and chapter from Michaelmas all the rents and profits during his life, for a yearly rent of 20 marks payable quarterly, and they shall pay the yearly rent of 100 marks due from the farmer for the commons of the vicars, and remit all action against him or his executors for any defect in the said church, the houses, closes etc. thereof, saving to him the fruits etc. up to Michaelmas. Dated in chapter, Wells, as above.

R.I. f. 174*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, dated x kal. June (*sic*) 1326, of a grant made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Michael de Eston canon of Wells

of a piece (*placeam*) in the garden of the bishop's manor of Wells adjoining the dwelling house of the said Michael, in length from the wall of the chapel of St. Mary of his said church newly built eastward 50 feet, and in length (*sic*) from the old wall of the said Michael towards St. Andrew's Well in the said garden on the south side 28 feet, (so that a tree commonly called a medler growing in the said piece towards the said well remain in the bishop's hands, and from the tree to the well a path 8 feet wide,) to hold to the said Michael and his successors the canons dwelling in the said house for ever, with warranty; witnessed by John de Godelee the dean, Master Richard de Thistelden precentor, Master Thomas de Retfford chancellor, Master Richard de Ford treasurer, Henry de Sandwico archdeacon of Bath; and dated Woki, 4 June 1326.

R.I. f. 175. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 262.

Copy will of Alice Swansee, dated 7 November 1348, desiring to be buried opposite the chapel of All Saints by the cloister, near her son Philip Swaynsee late vicar in the church of Wells; bequeathing to the high altar two silver cups and one mazer with foot of silver gilt; to the use of the vicars dwelling in the new building of the bishop of Bath a brass pot, a basin etc., and a table for their hall; for her obsequies 1 mark, 10*s*. to be divided among the vicars present, and 10*s*. among the poor; to John Boys a gold buckle; to Sir Michael de Eston a gold ring with sapphire; to John Boys utensils in her house at Bristol; to John Merrey, Thomas Merrey, Thomas Otery, Alice Porter and John Boys her tenements in Bristol, to divide the rents during their lives, remainder to the escheators of St. Andrew Wells for ever, so that they and the said escheators pay yearly to the church of St. Wareburga Bristol 10*s*., and of St. Leonard Bristol 10*s*.; to John Merreye one nott with silver foot, Thomas Otery girdle, Joan wife of John Strode robe, Alice Porter robe etc.; the residue to John Boys, John Mereye and Thomas Otery; John Boys and John Merreye executors. Seal of the mayoralty of Bristol. Dated Bristol, Wednesday after the Conception 29 E[dward III].

R.I. f. 175.

Proxy from the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Wambergh archdeacon of Wells to appear for them in the church of St. Paul London a week after St. Faith, to hear matters concerning the clergy of the province of Canterbury, and a papal mandate addressed to archbishop Walter, and to confer thereon etc. Dated the chapter house Wells, iv kal. October 1326.

R.I. f. 175*d*.

Memorandum that 24 August 1327, present in the chapter house John de Godelee dean of Wells, Thomas de Retford chancellor, Richard de Thistelden treasurer, Hervey de Stanton, Michael de Eston, John Pymme, John Martel, William de Pencriz, and William de Cherleton canons, was granted to John Gylling of

Merk brigge and Juliana his wife a messuage, 12 acres 1 perch of arable land, and 1 acre of meadow in Merk and Merkham, formerly held by Christina atte Brugg' of the dean in villenage, also 7 acres of arable land of Hatholoslonde, and 6 acres of land in Foxham, during their lives, for 17*s.* 9*d.* yearly rent payable quarterly, provided that John or Juliana or their issue or any of them obtain no liberty of blood by reason of the said grant, and that after their deaths the said land be of the same condition as before the said grant.

R.I. f. 175*d.*

Letter from the dean and chapter of Wells to T. bishop of Worcester, on behalf of William de Clopecote canon of Wells, who has been summoned before the said bishop or his commissaries for non-residence in his church of Olveston in that diocese, stating that he is performing his residence at Wells, and therefore may be excused. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iv kal. March 1326.

R.I. f. 175*d.*

Citation from the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas de Retforde canon to appear at a special chapter after the octave of Trinity, to find a remedy for the attempts of certain temporal lords to plunder their church. Dated in the chapter of Wells, the last day of April 1328.

R.I. f. 176.

Letter of John bishop of Bath and Wells to his official, dated Odestoke by New Salisbury, vi kal. November 1328, requiring him to publish in all churches of the city and diocese, and report before St. Hilary next, a mandate of Pope John [XXII] addressed to the archbishop of Canterbury and his suffragans, and an indulgence of 20 days, dated Avignon, xii kal. July 12 Pope John, to those saying certain prayers for the defence of the church against heretics and schismatics.

R.I. f. 176.

Proxy of the chapter of Wells, addressed to Simon archbishop of Canterbury, in favour of Master J. de Brabazon and Master J. de Wamberg' canons of Wells, to appear in the provincial council on Friday after the Conversion of St. Paul in the church of St. Paul London, to appoint remedies against disturbers of the peace, who wrong the church and slay ecclesiastics, and to confer about the correction of excesses, the reform of manners etc. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 18 January 1328.

R.I. f. 176*d.*

(A leaf wanting, which contained *inter alia* the body of an instrument, of which only the witnesses and date remain, namely) John de Clyvedon, Hugh de Langelonde, Geoffrey de Hautevile

knights, Richard de Lovenee, Helias de Godelee, William de Reyny, Walter de Rodeney. Dated Dunden, Wednesday xiii kal. May 1329.

R.I. f. 177. See below, note on p. 230.

Leave of absence granted by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter Broun the subdean, to study in the schools for one third of a year, beginning at the Annunciation. Dated in the chapter of Wells, id. February 1330.

R.I. f. 177.

Citation by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John Martell canon to attend a chapter on 4 September on business concerning the rights and liberties of their church. Dated Wells in chapter, xvi kal. September 1331.

R.I. f. 177.

Citation by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas de Retford canon, dated xiii kal. September 1331, to appear at the visitation of the archbishop, in accordance with a citation of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells addressed to the dean and chapter, dated Banewell, iv id. August 1331, to appear in their chapter house for such visitation, reciting a citation of Simon archbishop of Canterbury, addressed to the said bishop, dated Chardstok, vi id. September 1331, to appear himself on Monday after the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, and cite the dean and chapter for the Tuesday following, before the archbishop or his commissaries according to the custom of a visitation, anticipating the date fixed by former letters in order that he may be free to attend to other business concerning the church and realm.

R.I. f. 177.

Memorandum that on the Translation of St. Swithin 1329 Alan de Notyngham was presented by Master Thomas de Retforde then chancellor of Wells and prebendary of Cumba *octava* to his vicarage in the said church, vacant by death of Sir William de Ynmer, and was received the same day.

R.I. f. 177*d*.

Memorandum that xiii kal. August 1329 were granted to Sir Richard de Tichemerch vicar of Wells the houses by the tenement of John atte Stone Biestwalle wherein Sir Richard de Marchesley dwelt, he having left them for those late of Sir William de Ymmer in the Torrelane.

R.I. f. 177*d*.

Commission from John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Walter de Hulle priest rector of Schipton Belli campi as their official, to hear and determine causes and punish offences within their jurisdiction. Dated in the chapter of Wells, v id. June 1329.

R.I. f. 177*d*.

Election of Master Ralph de Sallopia to the see of Bath and Wells, vacant by the death of John de Droknesford, Tuesday the Translation of St. Andrew 1329.

Letter of J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to the prior and convent of Bath, notifying the death of bishop John on Tuesday after St. John *ante Portam Latinam*, and requesting them to appoint proctors to confer with the proctors of the dean and chapter on Saturday after St. Nereus, St. Achilles and St. Pancratius about procuring the king's licence to elect. Dated in the chapter of Wells.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule).

Proxy of J. de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to the prior and convent of the cathedral church of Bath, in favour of Master Robert de Haselchawe provost of Wells and Master John de Orleton canons to meet their proctors at Fernton on the day and for the purpose above specified. Dated in the chapter of Wells.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule).

Proxy of Robert prior of Bath and the chapter, addressed to John dean of Wells and the chapter, in favour of William de Hampton and Thomas Christi monks, to meet their proctors at the place on the day and for the purpose above mentioned. Dated the chapter house Bath, 12 May 1329.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule).

Defeasance by Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells and the chapter of a bond of John de Godelee the dean in 200 marks, payable at Wells on St. John Baptist next, provided that the dean shall acquire a yearly rent in the temporalities or spiritualities of the church of Wells for two priests to celebrate therein, and for his obit, and other alms yearly for ever, in accordance with letters under his seal. Dated in the chapter, Thursday St. Bertinus 1331.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule, *dorso*).

Petition of Thomas de Retforde chancellor of Wells and the chapter to John de Godelee the dean, fearing that he purposes to leave the church he has loved and built more becomingly, praying that he will alter his intention, and reminding him that he has the pope's dispensation for non-residence, with compliments upon his past munificence and the future advantage hoped for if he will remain among them. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 25 September 1331.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule, *dorso*).

Bond of the dean and chapter of Wells to pay Master Nicholas de Bathonia clerk, for his counsel and patronage, 26*s*. 8*d*. yearly for life at Michaelmas and Easter. Dated the chapter house Wells, vi kal. October 1331.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule, *dorso*).

Memorandum of receipt by the dean and chapter for 10*l.* of the pension of Burnham from the rector, for Michaelmas term 1331.

R.I. f. 177 (schedule, *dorso*).

Letter of J. de Godlee dean of Wells and the chapter to R. bishop of Bath and Wells, stating that they received his letter, and conferred in chapter with Roger de Brikbek the bearer, touching recent wrongs done to the bishop and his church, advising him to consult bishops and lawyers in the forthcoming parliament, and by good counsel to defend his church, and promising their assistance: touching their common goods, they have acted as was agreed before him.

R.I. f. 178.

Petition [of the dean and chapter] to the pope for special grace on behalf of a canon and priest, Master Lawrence de la Barr', master of arts, bachelor of civil law and doctor of decrees, who has no preferment but a small prebend of 6 marks, with one small church.

R.I. f. 178.

Grant by the chancellor, treasurer and other canons of Wells, at a special chapter, to John de Godele dean of Wells and his brother Hamelin de Godelee canon, of a piece (*placea*) within the churchyard by the high road on the west side thereof, lying between the churchyard wall on the north and the other churchyard wall on the south, containing in length 8 perches and in breadth 2 perches 8 feet, to hold for ever at a yearly rent of half a mark at Easter anciently due to the church, whereon the said John and Hamelin shall cause a house to be built for the dwelling of the vicars of the said church. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Friday after St. Matthew 6 Edward III. Witnesses: Roger de Midelton, Adam de Chelworthe, Thomas de Mertok, Thomas de Testwood, Bryan . . . . Nicholas Bak', John de Merk, Robert de Lovyngton.

R.I. f. 178.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated Thursday before St. John Baptist 1308, of an agreement indented made between Walter de Haselschaue bishop of Bath and Wells and John de Godelee dean of Wells, (reciting that the bishop claimed right of common for himself and his men of his manor of Blakeford for all cattle over the dean's moor from Crokelake to Northelode in the dean's manor of Wedmor at all times of the year, and the dean similarly on the bishop's moor in the town of Blakeford, but the bailiffs of each impounded the cattle of the other,) whereby the bishop remised to the dean and his successors his right and his men's on the dean's moor of Wedmor, to hold to the dean and his successors in severalty, with liberty to enclose the same at his own will, and the dean similarly remised his right on the moor of Blakeford (except the common of six tenants dwelling above the moor, who had kept uninterrupted seisin thereof); dated Kyngesbury, Wednesday before St. John

Baptist 1 Edward II, and witnessed by Sir Thomas de Gornay, Sir Thomas de Welleslegh, Sir Lawrence de Hamelden knights, John de Hamptone, Baldwin de Countevyle, Philip le Ireis, Nicholas de Modeslee.

R.I. f. 178*d*.

Memorandum of an indenture (reciting that John de Godelee dean of Wells and his predecessors always had common of pasture in John de Northelode's wood of Baggelegh for all their cattle at all times of the year, and the said John and his ancestors had similar common in the dean's wood of Baggelegh, and that such common profited them little, and much damage was done for want of enclosure) whereby on Tuesday the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude 3 Edward II at Modeslegh, John de Northlode quitclaimed to the dean and his successors his common in their wood, so that they might enclose the same with dyke and hedge, and hold in severalty, and the dean made a similar quitclaim to the said John.

R.I. f. 179.

Grant by W. bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Walter de Haselshaue dean of Wells of free ingress and egress for 60 swine and one boar to the bishop's park of Westbury yearly from Michaelmas to St. Martin in winter, as his predecessors were alleged to have, though he could shew no better title, saving to the bishop and his successors the question of right, when they shall think fit to raise it. In presence of Master Thomas Georges precentor of Wells, Master Henry Husee chancellor, Master John de Lacy, Master Anthony de Bradeneie, William de Welyngton, Hugh Everard canons. Dated Wells, xvi kal. January 1298.

R.I. f. 179.

Grant by John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter to William Joye master of the fabric of the church, for good service, of 40*s*. yearly for life, payable by the warden of the fabric or works for the time being at Michaelmas and Easter, and 6*d*. each day he shall abide in the city of Wells and be engaged upon the fabric and works ; and he shall be bound to oversee repairs in the said church, and give his counsel care and aid thereupon. Dated in chapter, Thursday after St. Matthew 13...

R.I. f. 179.

Ordinance by Thomas de Retforde chancellor of Wells and the chapter, made at a special chapter held on Friday after St. Agatha 1330, reciting the augmentation of their rents, proventions and possessions, and the defence of their liberties by John de Godelee the dean, and a licence in mortmain granted by the king at his procurement to acquire 20 librates of land and rent for finding two priests in the said church to celebrate daily for the souls of King Edward I and Margaret his consort, and for founding a perpetual chantry of two priests to celebrate masses daily for ever, one at the altar built in honour of the body and blood of Christ yet to be dedicated, the other in St. Mary's chapel by the cloister,

for the souls of Edward I and Margaret, Elias de Godelee, Joan his wife, Roger le Someter and Lettice his wife, and for the health of John de Godelee the dean, Master John de Brywtone and Hamelin de Godelee canons of Wells during their lives and for their souls—those namely deputed at the first named altar to celebrate on Sundays the mass of Corpus Christi, on Mondays of the Holy Spirit, on Fridays of Holy Cross and on other days the office of the dead, and at the other altar every Sunday mass of the Holy Trinity, every Monday of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael and All Archangels, every Tuesday of St. Thomas, St. Stephen, St. Lawrence and All Martyrs, every Wednesday of St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. John and All Apostles, every Thursday of St. Edmund, St. Nicholas, St. Martin and other confessors, every Friday of St. Katherine, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Margaret and other virgins, every Saturday of the Virgin Mary, (feasts of nine lessons excepted, when there shall be a special celebration in the said chapel to be taken in turn,) and every day with the other chantry priests in the church, after the first peal for matins in the parish church of St. Cuthbert, they shall meet in the said chapel to say matins and the other canonical hours, immediately after which the said mass shall be celebrated, and likewise at the hour of vespers to say vespers, compline etc., the priest last named to be called *archipresbiter*, the other *capellanus Christi*, both to wear surplices at all services, the *archipresbiter* to report in writing to the dean or his official at every visitation the defaults of priests not present at canonical hours ; upon any vacancy the dean to collate within fifteen days, or in default the chapter, and upon their default the bishop : the said priests to have yearly for ever of the manors of Northcory and Wynescombe 10 marks for stipend and maintenance, payable quarterly by the communar, and 12*s.* yearly for finding bread, wine and light, and to divide any surplus equally at the year's end : a mass to be celebrated yearly on ii id. March so long as the said dean live, and an anniversary on the day of his death for ever, and 20*s.* to be divided among the canons and vicars present, 6*d.* to be paid to the sacrist for sounding the gong, 4*s.* 2*d.* to be divided among poor clerks for saying the psalter, and 30*s.* in bread among the poor ; with bond for performance of the above. Witnesses Sir John de Erlegh, Sir John de Clyvedone, Sir Hugh de Langelonde, Sir Simon de Furneaux knights, Walkelin Toner, Philip de Welleslegh, Robert de Somertone, Hugh de Draycote, Roger de Hanam, Adam de Chelewourthe, Thomas de Testwode. Dated Wells, 21 February 1330.

R.I. ff. 179*d.*, 180.

Reply of J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to a petition of Dame Katherine relict of Sir Walter de Northwico knight, Sir John his son, and Dame Margery wife of the said John, granting them a share in all masses, prayers, alms, fasts etc., and that, when their deaths are made known, their names shall be written among those of benefactors in the martyrology of the church of Wells, and masses and prayers ordered for their souls

as for deceased brethren and sisters. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 2 May 1331.

Note of a similar grant to Sir Henry de Harnhill knight, the same date.

R.I. f. 180*d*.

Memorandum that on Trinity Sunday 7 June 1332 the farm of the canons' grange of Wells was assigned to Master Thomas de Haselchawe canon, that of Ceddre to Master John Martell canon, that of Congresbury to Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, that of Stokgommer to Henry de Sandwyco archdeacon of Bath, that of Lydiard church to Michael de Eston succentor, that of Whitchurch to Richard de Rodeneye canon. Present in chapter, Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer, John de Bruton, John de Wamberg', Hamelin de Godele, Robert de Baldok, Henry de Fuleham, Michael Benet, John Pymne and Robert de Stonhor canons.

R.I. f. 180*d*.

Grant to farm by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells of the church of Congresbury, for a yearly cess of 45*l*. fixed at a special chapter, payable quarterly to their communar, so long as he be a canon and perform his residence in Wells. Dated Wells in the chapter house, 23 June 1332.

R.I. f. 180*d*.

Dispensation granted by John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Walter de Hulle vicar of Wells for his diligence in their service, to take the profits of his vicarage (the daily distributions and those for anniversaries of the dead excepted) without being bound to know by heart divine service or to perform residence. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 29 May 1329.

R.I. f. 181.

Grant by J. Godele dean of Wells and the chapter to William Joye master of the fabric of their church for good service, beyond his stipend when present, of 30*s*. 6*d*. a year for life payable half yearly by the warden of the fabric, so that he be bound every year when necessary to oversee repairs therein and give his counsel and aid. Dated Wells, 28 July 1329.

R.I. f. 181.

Ordinance by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, for the benefits conferred upon the church of St. Andrew by Robert Cormailles late deceased, that two chaplains for ever shall celebrate in the chapel of St. Katherine, St. Mary Magdalen and St. Margaret in the said church for the souls of the said Robert, of John de Drokenesforde late bishop, and of Richard de Alresforde late canon, taking yearly of the manor of Northcory 10 marks for maintenance payable quarterly by the communar; the dean to collate, or in default the chapter, and upon their default the

bishop ; and the bishop to make inquiry touching such celebration at every visitation. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Thursday after St. Matthew 1329.

R.I. f. 181.

Reply of J. de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to the request of John de Mouhoun knight, for his favour towards their church, receiving him in life or death to a share in the prayers, masses etc. of the said church. Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. Dunstan's day 1330.

R.I. f. 181*d*.

Petition of the dean and chapter of Wells to Pope John to confirm the election of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, commending him especially for his eminence in knowledge and virtue, and declaring that had any papal reservation (as alleged) been known to the electors or to the bishop elect, neither would they have proceeded to election, nor would he have submitted to consecration, that they elected him by inspiration from above, and earnestly postulate him for their bishop.

R.I. f. 181*d*.

Reply of the dean and chapter of Wells to a letter of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, written at Dogmersfeld id. October, stating that the bishop has been credibly informed that his predecessor pledged a valuable and becoming mitre with a burgess of London, and that the king's ministers are anxious to redeem and appropriate the same, and offering if they will agree to do all he can to recover the said mitre for his own use, so that it may remain afterwards in the church of Wells : they assent, and send by John Duyne the bishop's messenger a mitre (valued at 100*s*.), a pastoral staff (10 marks), a silver censer (4 marks) and two silver candlesticks (12 marks) to be given back to them at Wells on Michaelmas day following, requesting him to send his bond by the next messenger. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 23 October 1329.

R.I. f. 182.

Receipt of John Duyn to the dean and chapter of Wells for one mitre, one pastoral staff, one silver censer, and two silver candlesticks (valued as above), to be given back in the church of Wells on Michaelmas day next, with bond for the same, and his oath upon the gospels. Dated Wells, 23 October 1329.

R.I. f. 182.

Appointment by John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter of Sir Hugh de Alresford clerk to be steward and overseer of their manors, farms, churches and lands. Dated Wells, 3 November 3 Edward III. (*French*).

R.I. f. 182*d*.

Quitclaim by William son of William atte Ferlyng to the dean and chapter of Wells of 3 acres of meadow in Cnappe in the manor of Northcory, and all and singular places in the manor of Knappe and Northcory whereof they were seised on that day in demesne, as in services, rents of free tenants and of villeins, with the reversions thereof. Witnesses: Walter atte Hach, John atte Slo, Hugh atte Hele, William Colne, Philip le Yreys, Walter Caucy, Walter le Bole. Dated Northcori, Saturday the octave of St. Martin 3 Edward III.

R.I. f. 182*d*.

Receipt of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells for one mitre, one pastoral staff, one silver censer value 4½ marks, and two candlesticks (valued as before), to be given back on Michaelmas day next, with bond for the same. Dated Dogmersfeld, id. November 1329.

Note interpolated here: '*Hic cum sedisset in episcopatu Bathoniensi annis xxxiiii obiit et Wellie tumulatus inter gradus chori et summum altare.*'

R.I. f. 182*d*.

Special proxy by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to John Hilebrond of Alueston in the parish of Schirebourn clerk, to collect the alms of the faithful given to the brotherhood of St. Andrew throughout the bishopric, and all gifts and legacies towards the fabric of the church of Wells (those exceeding half a mark, and those of canons, vicars, and men of the city and suburb of Wells excepted). Dated in the chapter of Wells, xiii kal. January 1329.

Memorandum that John Hilebrond's sureties were Stephen de Wedmor, John Craft, Robert le Salter, and William Whynde burgesses of Wells, who gave their bond remaining in the treasury.

R.I. f. 182*d*.

Answer of the dean and chapter of Wells to a mandate of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, dated London, ix kal. February 1 bishop Ralph, requiring them within eight days to find and exemplify by the hand of a notary public certain proceedings or muniments contained, as the bishop is creditably informed, in their archives, chronicles and register, which if brought to light would maintain unimpared the dignity of the archdeaconry of Wells, and return them to him by the bearer under pain of excommunication, and to inform him further by letter within six days after of their intentions, expressing surprise that they have ignored his former injunction: in which they object to the mandate as uncanonical, because (1) by the canons, sentence of excommunication upon a university or college is forbidden, nor may such penalty be threatened when in case of disobedience it cannot be inflicted; (2) a mandate or precept cannot be issued on a mere information without any cognisance of a cause, wherefore in like case the form used by the court of Rome adds the condition '*si ita est*'; (3) as to the

alleged muniments maintaining the archdeacon's dignity unimpaired, so ready credence should not have been given to an unsupported statement, nor such a mandate issued, for the question is not as to the rights of that dignity, but whether the collation belongs to the king, at any rate for this turn, a different matter altogether; (4) the chapter are not bound to obey the bishop; but add that out of respect to him, so far as pressure of business would allow, they have obeyed his mandate, and are sending what could be found in their archives by Master John de Wamberg canon, excusing themselves for delay by reason of a mandate of the king by Sir Hugh de Langlond knight, lately received. Dated in the chapter of Wells, St. Scolastica.

R.I. f. 183.

Grant by Hugh de Lymyngton vicar in the cathedral of Wells to John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter of 10*s*. yearly rent in Wells of his tenement with curtilage granted by Sir John de Draycote chaplain, situate in the street towards the Mountorie between the tenement of Master Walter de Hulle on the south and of Sir Richard de Chidingfolde on the north, together with the reversion thereof, to keep his obit in the choir and to divide among the canons and vicars present, to hold to them and their successors in frank almoin for ever. Dated Wells, iv kal. April 1323. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Adam de Chelworth, William Stot, Nicholas de Baak', Richard de Prestleygh, Roger de Corsham, Thomas le Mason.

R.I. f. 183*d*.

Letter of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells in favour of Sir Adam de Sutton priest, their vicar, to obtain oil to be consecrated on Holy Thursday for the use of the church of Wells and the whole diocese of Bath. (Addressed to the bishop of Exeter: margin.) Dated Wells, 2 April.

R.I. f. 183*d*.

Memorandum that xii kal. July 1330 the houses wherein Thomas de Kelmescote in his life time dwelt were granted to Sir Thomas de Lechlade vicar of Wells: and that xv kal. August Sir Richard de Braye vicar was appointed by the dean and chapter to dwell with him therein during their lives.

Also on the latter date the houses wherein Richard de Brai dwelt, situate by those late of John de Palton, were granted by the dean and chapter to Sir John de Camell'.

R.I. f. 184.

Letters patent of King Edward III, being a licence in mortmain to Hamelin de Godele to convey to the dean and chapter of Wells a messuage, one carucate of land and 60*s*. rent in Stokgommer (not held of the king, of the yearly value of 73*s*. 4*d*. beyond the rent, as found by inquisition of the sheriff) towards finding two chaplains to celebrate daily in the said church for the souls of Edward I, Edward II and their heirs, bishop John de Droknesford,

Robert de Cormailles and Richard de Alresford (in part satisfaction of a licence in mortmain granted by King Edward II to the said late bishop to acquire lands and rents to the yearly value of 10*l.* and the advowson of one church, and convey them for that purpose, he having died without so doing); and to the dean and chapter to hold the same. Tested at Notyngham, 13 September 4 Edward III.

Note that this was examined with the original charter in the treasury of Wells xiv kal. April 1338, in presence of Sir John de Fifhide and Sir Edmond Buler vicars, and William de Compton clerk.

R.I. f. 184. Patent, *Cal.* p. 6.

Award of Sir Nicholas de Langelonde knight, Master Antony de Bradeneye and William de Bourne canons of Wells, between the abbot and convent of Glastonbury appropriators of St. John Glastonbury on the one part, and John de Godel' dean of Wells rector of Wedmor on the other, touching tithes great and small issuing from the demesne lands of John de Northelode lord of Northelode claimed by both parties; namely that the dean and his successors shall take all the small tithes of the demesne lands, meadows and pastures of the said John at Northelode which he holds now enclosed or after to be enclosed, and of his mill, dovecote and garden on the south side of his court, and the whole fruits of one acre of corn and one of oats of his demesne lands, together with the tithes great and small of tenants and villeins of the said abbot and convent in Pathoneberghe, and of the said John and his heirs in Northelode and la Thele of all their holdings in villenage, saving to the monks and their successors the great tithes of the demesne lands, meadows, purprestures and reed bed of the said John enclosed or hereafter to be enclosed, and the small tithe of his garden on the north side of his court. Sealed by the parties and by both chapters. Dated in the chapters respectively of Glastonbury and Wells, 15 June 1310.

R.I. f. 184*d.*

Agreement, dated Thursday after the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1310, between Geoffrey abbot of Glastonbury and the convent on the one part and John de Godele dean of Wells (with consent of the chapter) on the other, that whereas the dean has enclosed 600 acres of land in his moors below Wedmor between Cockelake and Northelode to hold in severalty, the abbot and convent ratify such enclosure, and quitclaim their common of pasture thereupon, saving to their tenants of Patheneberghe, Bledeneye and Clyware common of pasture in the residue of the moors at all times of the year. Sealed by the convent and the chapter of Wells. Dated in both chapters, as above.

R.I. f. 184*d.*

Indenture between John de Godelee dean of Wells and Adam abbot of Glastonbury touching alleged trespasses and disseisins in the dean's manor of Modeslee and in the abbot's manor of Mere,

and pleas upon the king's writs (wherein the dean claimed the moor called la Yelemore extending from the dyke called Padene-bertheslak on the east by the water of Ferlingmere pool and the rhine down to the dyke called the Lichelak on the west as belonging to his manor of Modeslee, and complained that the abbot cut down his trees and threw down buildings thereon, and the abbot claimed the same as belonging to his manor of Mere); whereby it is agreed that the portion of the moor not enclosed be divided into two parts of equal value, that nearer the Lichelak to remain to the dean and his successors, that nearer the watercourse called Padenes-berthlak to the abbot and his successors; and the abbot and his successors may maintain his weirs called Hachwere, Bordenewere and Pariswere taking what they need of the dean's soil for that purpose on notice to his bailiff, except that if any of them be upon the abbot's soil he shall take of his own land, saving to the abbot and his successors the whole pool called Ferlyngmere with the watercourse thence to the Lichelake with opportunity and sole right to fish there, saving to the dean and his successors, their tenants free or villein and the commoners access thereto for watering their cattle and liberty to cross by boat daily from sunrise to sunset: the other moiety to be assigned similarly to the abbot and his successors the dean and his successors having common of pasture for all cattle and of turbary therein, and the abbot in the dean's moiety, and both parties their piggeries in either moiety with liberty to take of the alders there growing and the soil for building and repairing the same and the tenants of both parties free and villein and other commoners having common of pasture and turbary in either moiety as they used to have, with liberty to build and repair their piggeries as aforesaid; and moreover the tenants free and villein of the dean's manors of Modeslee and Merke may have common of pasture in the abbot's moor called Godenemor, and the dean and his successors and their tenants as aforesaid of the dean's manors of Mora and Bidesham likewise in the abbot's moor called Oxenmor: the dean to retain the parcels of moor previously enclosed with his whole manor of Modeslee, and the abbot and his successors the manor of Mere with the whole pool of Ferlyngmere, and the rhine down to Lichelak' with the moiety of Yelemor aforesaid. To make the partition the dean has chosen Sir Simon de Forneaus and Sir Hugh de Langelonde knights, Robert de Somerton and Walter de Farndon, and the abbot William le Bret cellarer of Glastonbury, John de la Weye, Robert Kene and William de Grymstede, who shall on Friday next the morrow of the Ascension commence the same and continue from day to day until Friday before Pentecost, and if they disagree Sir Philip de Columbariis and Hervey de Staunton or one of them on the dean's part and Sir John de Bello Campo of Somerset and John de Bryuton prior of Glastonbury or one of them on the abbot's part shall decide; and when the partition is sealed by the chapter and the abbey, touching the trespasses amends shall be made by advice of the said Sir John de Bello Campo, the prior, Sir Philip and Hervey or two of them; and to this the parties are sworn, and neither to interpose proceedings in courts ecclesiastical or secular. Witnesses: Sir

Hugh de Courteneye, Sir John de Bello Campo of Somerset, Sir Philip de Columbariis, Sir John de Erlee, Sir John Wake, Sir Hugh de Langelonde, Sir Simon de Forneaus, Sir Roger le Jeu, and Sir Nicholas de Bonevyle knights. Done at the chapel of St. Thomas by the Souweye, 18 May 1 Edward III.

R.I. ff. 185-6.

Indenture between John de Godelee dean of Wells and Adam abbot of Glastonbury touching the same alleged trespasses and claims, the dean further claiming for himself and his villeins of Modeslee, Wedmor and Merk common of pasture at all times of the year for all their cattle in the abbot's moor called Godeneyemor, and the like for them and his villeins of the prebend of Wedmor and his manors of Mora and Bidesham in Oxenmor; whereby it was finally agreed that the part of the moor hitherto unenclosed has been divided by persons chosen for the purpose into moieties equal in value but not in acreage by metes and bounds, namely beginning at Consailleswalle below the close of William Consail of Modeslee southward in a straight line to a rhine below Coubrugg' directly opposite the east corner of a close called Parismede below the hamlet of Westy, and upon those bounds [*and thereupon a new dyke shall be cut and raised, upon which] shall be erected four stone crosses, two at the charge of either party; and the moiety nearer the dyke called Lichelak remains to the dean and his successors for ever, who may hold the parcels of moor previously enclosed with the whole manor of Modeslee, they and their men free or villeins of the dean's manors of Wedmor, Modeslee and Merke having common in the abbot's moor called Godenemor, and with the tenants of the prebend of Wedmor and the dean's manors of Mora and Bidesham in Oxenemor, also a crossing by boat daily from sunrise to sunset only on the waters of the abbot's pool called Ferlyngmere, and the rhine and watercourse flowing thence to the lake called Lichelake: the other moiety nearer the watercourse called Pathenesbergheslake (except the said enclosed parcels) remains to the abbot and his successors, and they shall hold their manor of Mere with the whole pool called Ferlyngmere and the rhine or watercourse flowing to Lichelake, and the whole fishery therein with the soil thereof (saving the said rights of passage), and may repair their weirs called Hachwere, Bordenewere and Pariswere; the dean to have common of pasture and turbary in the abbot's moiety, and piggeries, and the abbot in the dean's moiety, and their tenants and other commoners in both moieties as they used to have, and liberty to water their cattle. Sealed by the dean and chapter of Wells and by the abbot and convent of Glastonbury. Witnesses: Sir Hugh de Courtenay, Sir Robert Fuizpayn, Sir John de Bello Campo of Somersete, Sir Philip de Columbariis, Sir Richard Lovel, Sir John de Clyvedene, Sir John de Erleghe, Sir John de Wroxhale, Sir Simon de Forneaus, Sir Hugh de Langelonde, Sir Nicholas de Bonevyle. Dated Glastonbury and Wells respectively, 28 May 1 Edward III.

The copy (in R.I.) attested by Stephen Trippe clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.I. ff. 186-7: III. ff. 87*d.*, 88; the last a bad copy with many errors of names and the various reading [*].

Indenture of agreement between William de Grauntsoun and Sibyl his wife and John de Godelee dean of Wells, for himself and his church, granting to the dean for himself and his tenants the easement of a watercourse flowing through their manor of Burnham in Somersete from Cripsenestouke to Halferthyngmere and beyond the high road to the boundary mark between their lands held in villenage by John Gorwey their neif on the east and land of Sir Hugh de Langelonde on the west, upon complaint that their men of the said manor have obstructed the same ; that is to say 12 feet wide and 7 feet deep, with liberty to make and manage at their pleasure at any time, scouring, walling and making sluices at their own cost ; and bond of the dean, by assent of the chapter, to do all that is necessary to prevent any damage to Sir William, Dame Sibyl, their heirs and assigns, or their tenants, with liberty to them to bridge the same. Witnesses : Sir Hugh de Clyvedon, Sir Hugh de Langelonde knights, William de Modeslee, Nicholas atte Pulle, John de Mareis, Walter le Taillour, Thomas de Snailham. Dated Burnham, Sunday before St. George 18 Edward II. (*French*).

R.I. f. 187*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated 3 June the same year, (reciting the dean's gifts to the church from fines for such lands and other property, with a proviso against alienation by the grantee,) of a grant made by John de Godelee the dean to John de Chudderlegh (Chudderlee) of one messuage, 35 acres of arable land and 12 acres of meadow lately held of him in villenage by David de Holbrok in the manor of Modeslee, to hold of the dean and his successors freely etc. during his life at a yearly rent of 11*s*. 3½*d*. payable quarterly, with warranty; witnessed by Elias de Godelee, Walter Farndon, William de Modeslee, John de Wedmor, John Billyng, Nicholas atte Pulle, William de Scheldene ; and dated Modeslee, Monday after St. John *ante Portam Latinam* 6 Edward III.

R.I. f. 188*d*.. continued f. 190.

Indenture between Sir John de Bello Campo of Somerset knight lord of Hache (son and heir of Dame Cecily de Bello Campo) of the one part, and John de Godele dean of Wells and the chapter of the other, reciting a grant long ago made by Dame Cecily to the dean and Sir Hamelin his brother, dated Stoke under Hamedon Monday after St. Martin 34 Edward [I], and witnessed by Sir Gilbert Knouyle, Sir John de Meriet, Sir John de Knouyle knights, Master Thomas de Lechelade chancellor of Exeter, Sir Reginald rector of Scepton, William de Mertok, and Nicholas Fraunceys, that they or one of them might give to the dean and chapter of Wells and their successors the manor of Knappe by Northcory county Somerset, held of Dame Cecily in chief for one knight's fee, at a yearly rent to Dame Cecily her heirs or assigns of 20*s*. for all demands fealty excepted, and in consideration of celebrating her anniversary ; also the exaction by heavy distraints after her death of homage, suit of court in his manor of Dunden and other secular services formerly issuing thereout from the dean and chapter by

Sir John, alleging that the grant included no release or quitclaim: whereby Sir John quitclaims all secular services and demands of the said manor save the said rent to be paid half yearly at Dunden and fealty, and confirms the writing of Dame Cecily; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant to the said Sir John, and to Sir John his eldest son, that they shall be specially remembered during their lives as brethren and friends in all masses for the living, prayers, benefits and almsgivings, and an obit shall be yearly celebrated for Dame Cecily and for Dame Joan late the wife of Sir John, both deceased, and for Sir John and his son after their deaths with all the usual solemnities, by the dean or most worthy canon in residence, as for a bishop, and the other heirs of Sir John shall be partakers therein, with bond in 10 marks for performance of the same. Witnesses: Sir Hugh de Coutenaye, Sir Philip de Columberes, ... (Incomplete).

R.I. f. 189. The continuation is probably to be found in the fragment at the top of f. 177; above, p. 216.

Citation by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter to Thomas de Retforde canon to be present at a special chapter after St. Matthew, to confer upon fresh usurpations of the rights of their church by the prior of Montacute, against whom they have already obtained a judicial decision in their favour. Dated the chapter house Wells, Monday after St. James Ap. 1332.

R.I. f. 190.

Ordinance touching the farms of churches appropriated to them, made by John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, at the mandate of Simon archbishop of Canterbury during his visitation, and by consent of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, at a special chapter; namely that the farm of Congresbury be for 45*l.*, that of the mediety of the church of Whytchurch Salisbury diocese for 33*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, that of Ceddre for 36*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, that of Stokgomer for 50*l.*, that of Lydiard for 35*l.*, the canons' grange at Wells for 80*l.*, and that of Modifford and Lovyngton for 35*l.* payable quarterly to their communar to increase the common fund for canons resident, terms to begin at Midsummer next; if canons holding such farms absent themselves for three successive years the dean and chapter may transfer them to the senior canon in residence, and similarly if the cess be not paid within fifteen days; no canon to hold more than one farm, but the dean may hold that of the church of Bidesham as at present, and on a vacancy the profit without deduction shall be applied to the fabric of St. Andrew's church (whereof it is called the prebend) the repair of vestments and other necessaries, as of old accustomed; no canon may sublet to a layman, nor without the consent of the dean and chapter to another canon; farmers shall maintain houses, chancels and closes at their own costs, but extraordinary charges shall fall upon the dean and chapter. Present: the dean, Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer, Master Robert Harwerd archdeacon of Tanton, Wibert de Lyttelton, Walter de Burton, Robert de Clypeston, Lawrence de la Barr', J. [*Martel], William Pencriz,

Th[omas] de Haselchawe, Michael de Eston, Henry de Fulleham, and John Pymme canons, Master John de Middelton, Hugh de Alresford, Stephen Trippe being called to witness. Sealed by the chapter and the bishop. Dated the chapter house Wells, Friday after the Annunciation 1332.

R.I. f. 190. See Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc ix. 97, where the name * is found.

Proceedings upon the voidance of the deanery.

Appointment by the chapter of Wells of their brother Henry de Fulleham as steward of the deanery, upon the death of '*nostre tresbon prelat*' John de Godelee, the wardship thereof upon a demise having belonged to them from time immemorial. Dated Wells, 6 February 1332. (*French.*)

R.I. f. 191.

Proxy of the chapter of Wells to Henry de Fulleham canon in all causes and business. Dated the chapter house Wells, non. February 1332.

R.I. f. 191.

Commission of tne chapter of Wells to Sir J. de Bogleygh vicar therein to hear and determine causes or disputes pertaining to the dean's jurisdiction, which belongs to them during the vacancy, and to punish offences. Dated in the chapter house Wells, non. February 1332.

R.I. f. 191.

Petition of the chapter to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells for licence to elect a dean after the death of John de Godlee. Dated the chapter house Wells, v id. February 1332.

Note that a licence was obtained.

R.I. f. 191*d*.

Citation by Thomas de Retforde chancellor of Wells and the chapter to Master Richard de Thisteldeyn canon to be present on 8 March at the hour of chapter to elect a dean after the death of John de Godlee. Dated in the chapter house Wells, 15 February 1332.

R.I. f. 191*d*.

Citation by Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Baldok canon to appear at a special chapter on Wednesday after St. Gregory P., to confer upon doubts newly arising from their statutes, and the assignment of certain vacant farms. Dated the chapter Wells, the last day of February 1332.

R.I. f. 191*d*.

Writ close of the king to the dean and chapter of Wells, being a second application to them for an aid for the marriage of Eleanor

the king's sister to the count of Gueldres (Gerle). Tested at Pontefract, 12 February 7 Edward III.

R.I. f. 192. Close Rolls, *Cal.* p. 93; and for the former application, 26 June, see p. 593 of the previous volume

Answer of the chapter of Wells to the above writ (received 5 April), making excuse that the dean is abroad on the business of the realm, that the repair of the cathedral will take at least three years and has burdened them with debt, a multiplicity of tenths in these days leaves barely sufficient funds for their support, and the church has no goods save those anciently conferred in almoin. Dated in the chapter of Wells etc.

R.I. f. 192.

Citation by Richard de Thisteldeyn treasurer of Wells, vicegerent and vicar of Richard de Bury dean of Wells in his absence, to master Thomas de Retford canon, to be present at a special chapter on the 15th day after Midsummer, to consider the demand made by Master Reymund Peregrini canon of Wells when after the death of dean John de Godlee (by whose industry they hoped the damage to their church would have been repaired, and the fabric completed) the chapter were considering how to aid the work, namely that he, by virtue of certain instruments which he produced, should immediately be granted all fruits, rents and proventions due by reason of his prebend as if he were in residence, the daily distributions to those present at the canonical hours only excepted. Dated Wells, 2 June 1333.

R.I. f. 192*d*.

Letter of Richard de Thisteldeyn [vicegerent] of the dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Reymund Peregrini canon, stating that they have considered his letter and that previously exhibited by him in the chapter house, but cannot send a final answer by his yeoman, as he is unable to wait two days longer, but will send one of their body (*collegium*) to London within the quinzaine of the Assumption to discuss the matter amicably and give the result of their full deliberation. Dated Wells, 15th day after St. John Baptist.

R.I. f. 192*d*.

Memorandum that 15 September 1333 Master John de Carleton, a clerk of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells specially deputed for the purpose, visited the persons of the precentor Master William de Bukland, the chancellor Master Thomas de Retford, and the treasurer Master Richard de Thistelden, in the chapel of St. Katherine where the body of bishop John de Drokenesford lies, in presence of Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.I. f. 193.

Proxy by R. de Thistelden treasurer and canon of Wells (*locum tenens* of the dean in his absence) and the chapter, addressed to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, in favour of Master John de

Wamberg' canon of Wells and Hugh de Alresford vicar there, to appear before the bishop or his commissaries at his visitation of the diocese, in so far as by law or custom they are bound to accept the same. Dated Wells, 11 October 1333.

R.I. f. 193.

Citation by Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells and the chapter of Wells to Master Walter de Bourlegh canon to be present at a special chapter on 23 February to consider the election of a dean, upon the consecration of Richard de Bury as bishop of Durham. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Saturday after the Purification 1333.

R.I. f. 193.

Petition of the chapter to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells for licence to elect a dean upon the consecration of Richard de Bury as bishop of Durham. Dated the chapter house Wells, Wednesday the Purification 1333.

R.I. f. 193*d*. Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc. ix. 161.

Appeal of W. de B. proctor of the chapter of Wells to the papal see and for the protection of the court of Canterbury against any attempt by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the prejudice of the immemorial right which they possess to the custody of the deanery during a vacancy, in spiritualities and temporalities.

R.I. f. 193*d*.

Proxy by Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells and the chapter to Sir Roger de Westbury vicar in the said church, to take possession of the deanery now vacant, and receive the fruits, rents and proventions thereof.

R.I. f. 193*d*.

Licence of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the chapter of Wells to elect a dean upon the consecration of Richard de Bury as bishop of Durham. Dated Woky, iii non. February 1333.

R.I. f. 193*d*. Reg. Ralph de Salopia, 162.

Appointment by the chapter of Wells, custodians of the deanery in spiritualities and temporalities during the vacancy, of Master John de Wamberg' canon of Wells as official, warden and administrator of the dean's spiritual jurisdiction in the deanery and other prebends and places, with power of naming a commissary to hear and determine disputes and causes, visiting, examining and punishing excesses, and proceeding against usurpers or disturbers. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iii non. February 1333.

R.I. f. 194.

Declaration by Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells and the chapter, addressed to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, that they have unanimously elected Master Wybert de Lutleton canon of

Wells as dean, requesting him to send the subdean formal directions touching his vocation and proclamation. Dated Wells in chapter, x kal. May 1334.

R.I. f. 194.

Grant by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Walter de Rodney knight of 12 acres of land in Dynr' lately held of the bishop by John le Towker of Corsecombe a bastard, who died without heirs, to hold to the said Walter and the heirs of his body of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of one rose at Midsummer. Witnesses : Sir John de Sancto Laudo, Sir John de Palton knights, Philip de Welleslegh, Walkelin Toner, Roger de la Walle. Dated Blakeford, Thursday after St. Petronilla 8 Edward III .

R.I. f. 194. Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc lx. 169.

Note that in a suit at Somerton, iv kal. July 1280, in the eyre of Sir Salomon de Rouc[estria], Robert Fulc[onis], Richard de Boyland and William Braybef, between the abbot and convent of St. Peter Gloucester and John Treygoz knight, touching the church of St. Andrew Burnham, it was agreed before the said justices that Sir John acknowledged the advowson thereof to be the right of the abbot, and quitclaimed to him and the convent the said advowson and patronage ; and in return the said abbot and convent, at the request of Sir John, granted the church of Foye appropriated to them to the priors and monks of Ewyas to farm for ever.

R.I. f. 194*d*.

Extract from the roll *de Banco*, 6 Henry III Easter term, touching the church of Burneham ; Roger de Clifford claiming the advowson upon a writ of *darrein presentment* against the abbot of Gloucester, who pleads that the son of Robert de Ewyas, father of plaintiff's wife, last presented, and afterwards gave the church to defendant's house by charter produced.

R.I. f. 194*d*.

Assize before Salamon de Roff' and others justices in eyre at Somerton county Somerset on the morrow of the Ascension 8 Edward [I] (much abbreviated), concerning a messuage and 18 acres of land in Hywys (Burnham, in margin), whereof it is pleaded that Thomas de Staunforde was seised in the time of Henry III. Hugelin (a defendant) does not appear, but Philip de Langelond tenant of 2 acres, and Nicholas Tasse tenant of 1½ acres thereof crave licence to answer for their holdings, which Thomas the parson grants ; whereupon they vouch the said Hugelin to warranty. Verdict, by default, that the tenements are frank almoin belonging to the church of Burnham and not a lay fee of the said Hugolin. Judgment that the said Thomas recover his seisin against the said Hugulyn and other defendants, the said Philip and Nicholas to have their equivalent of the land of the said Hugelin, who is in mercy.

R.I. f. 194*d*.

Petition from the chapter of Wells to Pope Benedict [XII] on behalf of Master Wibert de Lyttelton canon of Wells master of arts and bachelor of laws, unanimously elected as dean. Dated Wells the chapter house, 16 January.

R.I. f. 195.

In the vacancy of the deanery. Live stock. Monday 1 August 8 Edward III, the homage of Wedmor and Modeslye say that John de Aschebury clerk and proctor of Richard de Bury dean of Wells received from the executors of dean John de Godlee deceased 24 oxen for 3 ploughs for the manors of Wedmor, Modeslye and Totneye, value 13*s*. 4*d*. each ; for Chirchlond 2 oxen value 26*s*. 8*d*., 2 plough horses value 20*s*. ; for Wedmor one bull value 12*s*., one cow value 10*s*., one boar value 3*s*. 4*d*., one sow value 2*s*. Total 19*l*. 14*s*.

Also for dilapidations of the deanery manor houses 15*l*. 10*s*., none of which was applied to improvements save in pointing (*punctuatione*) for his own easement.

Wedmore : dead stock left by dean Godlee's executors, and also by the said John de Ascheby (*sic*), one waggon bound with iron with rope of hemp, one cart bound with iron, one plough with share and furniture for 8 oxen and two iron chains of length sufficient for 8 oxen, two tables in the hall with trestles.

Modeslee : one waggon bound with iron and furniture with rope of hemp, one plough with furniture and yokes for 8 oxen with two iron chains of length sufficient for 8 oxen, one harrow of wood ; in the hall, 3 tables with trestles ; in the kitchen one brass pot of 8 gallons, one oven of lead fixed in the wall.

Totteneye : (blank).

R.I. f. 195*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 205

Ratification by the chapter of Wells of their election of Master Wybert de Lyttelton canon as dean. Dated Wells the chapter house, xvi kal. February 1334.

Note of a similar letter addressed to the bishop.

R.I. f. 196.

Reply of the chapter of Wells to a letter from the king, received 20 January, in which he charged them not to molest Sir Walter his clerk and almoner, for that the late pope before his death sealed his application for the deanery on behalf of his said clerk ; stating that, as soon as Richard de Bury had full estate in his bishopric of Durham, they, according to the custom of their church, made their election of a fit person ; wherefore if the king's said clerk have better right than their dean elect, he shall not be molested. (*French*).

R.I. f. 196.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells (in the vacancy of the deanery) and by Roger de Mortuo mari archdeacon of Wells, Thomas de Retford chancellor, Richard de Thistelden treasurer, John de Bruton, Lawrence de la Barr', John de Wamberg', Michael de

Eston, John Martel, Robert de Baldok, William de Pencriz, Henry de Fulleham, John Pynme, Richard de Rodeney and Hamelin de Godelee canons, to Master Nicholas de Bathonia, Robert de Ros and Robert de Scepton clerks, to appeal against any grievances or sentences whatsoever. Dated in the chapter of Wells, v kal. July 1335.

R.I. f. 196.

Appeal by the proctor of the chapter of Wells and of the canons above named, addressed to Master Walter de Hulle clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public, stating that though the church of Wells was involved in no sentence of interdict, nor the chapter of suspension, nor any canons of greater excommunication, and though in consequence of reasonable fears public appeal had been made on their behalf against any attempt to their prejudice, nevertheless hearing that William abbot of Montoliou (*de Monte Oliuo*) in the diocese of Carcassonne (alleging that Pope John XXII in his life time appointed Isnard Gasci a canon of Wells of the prebend called Wyvelescombe, in place of Master Gerard de Subbiria deceased at the papal see, and that James de Mutina the pope's chaplain and hearer of causes of the sacred palace adjudged the same to the said Isnard by definitive sentence, and that afterwards the pope deputed the said William with the bishop of Cavailhon (*Cauallicensis*) and the archdeacon of London, with the clause 'two or one of you,' to execute such pretended sentence; and falsely imagining that the chapter and the several canons would not admit the said Isnard to his canonry and prebend in accordance with monitions said to have been made by John de Brenkworth his pretended commissary, whereas they had obeyed and were ready effectually to obey the same, and the said Insnard (*sic*) had been admitted to corporal possession;) notwithstanding and contrary to their appeal (of which he was probably aware) without summons to the chapter or canons or any of them but in their absence (not of contumacy), in process of execution of such pretended grace and sentence, pronounced that all the canons had incurred sentence of excommunication, the chapter of suspension, and the church of interdict passed by the said William against gainsayers and rebels, neglecting all cognisance of the cause and the requisite order of justice: appeal therefore in writing to the papal see and for the protection of the court of Canterbury, with an oath upon the gospels that they were not aware of the grievances above mentioned or any of them until the ninth hour 24 June 1335, and that the said proctor has diligently sought but not found the said Isnard and William or any special proctor of theirs in order to notify this appeal to them, nor is he aware of their domicile, wherefore the appeal is made in the church of Wells whereof the said Isnard pretends to be a canon.

R.I. ff. 196*d*. See *Calendar of Papal Letters* 1333, p. 374.

Petition from the chapter of Wells to R. bishop of Bath and Wells for licence to elect a dean upon the death of Master Wibert de Littelton canon and dean elect. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 20 August 1335.

R.I. f. 197*d*.

Petition from the chapter of Wells to John bishop of Exeter, stating that the bishop with the consent of the king formerly appropriated the parish churches of Wynesham, Cerde, Combe and Welington in the diocese of Bath and Wells and other spiritualities to the provostship of Wells, and made a statute that of the revenues fifteen prebends each of 8 marks annual value should be allotted to fifteen canons to pray for the bishop, the king and queen and their children, and for their souls and others after death, to be collated by the bishop and his successors, and fifteen vicarages of 2 marks each to fifteen vicars to celebrate masses etc. for the same, and services of the blessed Virgin and of the dead daily for ever, the provost paying such stipends, and to the chaplains and clerks for such daily services 20*l.* a year, and retaining for himself any surplus ; that the canons, vicars and officers of the church and their predecessors have been in possession of such moneys time out of mind ; that nevertheless the prior of Tanton of the order of St. Augustine, pretending himself the subdelegate of the said bishop of Exeter (the judge delegated by the papal see to sequestrate the provostship in accordance with the Clementine constitution '*Ad compescendas*'), has presumed to seize and detain for more than one year all the revenues of the said churches so annexed to the provostship by colour of an alleged sequestration, leaving the said charges unsupported, contrary to the intent of the said bishop and the said constitution, notwithstanding letters previously sent by the said bishop, whereby many parsons of the church of Wells are reduced to beggary, and the statutes devised for increase of divine service trampled under foot; and praying him to provide a remedy; also commending to him Sir William de Pencriz their brother, who has sufficient instructions upon the matter.

R.I. f. 197*d.*

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master John de Offorde canon of Wells and Master Nicholas de Bathonia in all causes. Dated Wells in chapter, viii kal. October 1336.

R.I. f. 198.

Letter from the chapter of Wells to Master John de Offorde canon of Wells and dean of the arches London, thanking him for past services, and praying his assistance in the business begun before Master Bernard Cystre the papal nuncio, that he may desist from exacting the fruits of the deanery.

R.I. f. 198*d.*

Memorandum that when, by the will of Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, Thomas dean of Wells and the chapter had summoned all the canons to a special chapter on Wednesday after *Quasimodo* Sunday 1286, on that day, in view of the urgency of the new building and the maintenance and repair of the ancient church, it was decreed unanimously that every canon should pay yearly for five years at Christmas and Midsummer the tenth of his prebend to those deputed for the purpose towards the fabric and repairs, beginning at Christmas next, with a penalty of half a mark towards the fabric for every default.

R.I. f. 198*d.*

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated iii kal. May 1337, of the appropriation made by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, with the consent of both chapters, to the abbot and convent of Keynesham of the parish church of Westharpetre (the patronage whereof has been with the king's consent conferred upon them by Sir Walter de Rodeneye knight) in respect of losses suffered by the devastation of their lands and burning of their churches in Ireland in the war, and the flooding of lands in Ireland and Wales, they presenting the vicar upon the death or cession of the now rector, saving the rights of the bishop and the churches of Bath and Wells, also a yearly pension of 6*s*. 8*d*. to the fabric of Wells, and another of 2*s*. to the archdeacon of Bath in recompense of fruits in times of vacancy, and reserving power to appoint a vicarage, the vicar to have the rectory houses with dovecote, curtilage and garden, (the granges, bovaries, and stables excepted, and a piece of ground near bounded by a line from the great gate by the wall to the end of the rectory close, including therein the gate with the chamber over,) the houses usually appointed for a parochial chaplain, and a share in all tithes, obventions and revenues, (the land, meadow, glebe, wood, common in the wood of Sir John de Gurney and elsewhere, pasture for their cattle, the tenants with their rents, heriots and services, the tithes of corn and hay, and the yearly pension due from the church of Portesheved excepted and reserved,) 4 quarters of clean wheat, 4 quarters of coarse oats, and 4 quarters of barley, 3 loads of wheat straw, 3 of oat straw and 3 of hay yearly; the vicar shall appoint a clerk to the office of holy water, and be charged with finding bread, wine, incense, processional candles and lights, binding books, washing and repairing vestments: dated Evercrich, iv kal. December 1336.

R.I. f. 199. Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc. ix. 298.

Receipt from the dean and chapter of Wells to the abbot and convent of Keynesham for 6*s*. 8*d*., for the yearly pension imposed upon them by the bishop at the appropriation of the church of Westharpetre and by their bond, for the first year of actual possession, discharging them up to that date.

R.I. f. 199*d*.

Mandate of Walter de London dean of Wells to John Everard vicar and escheator thereof to admonish all canons not keeping their residence (names on a schedule attached) to pay one moiety of the sum at which their prebends are assessed within a month of Easter, and so from year to year, or otherwise to compel them to do so by sentence of excommunication and sequestration; reciting the summoning of a special chapter by dean John de Godelee, in accordance with his powers and with immemorial custom, at the bishop's request, to confer upon the repair of the fabric and the defence of the liberties of the church, at which after consideration of the oath taken by the canons at their admission, of the infringement of their liberties and the oppressions of their church, of the sum of 1000*l*. and upwards spent by the canons

resident, and the debt of 200*l.* incurred in the defence of their liberties and the repairs aforesaid, of the revenues taken by non-resident canons (holding for the most part the fatter prebends) and their failure to contribute for the purposes before mentioned, it was ordained with the bishop's approval that 200*l.* should be levied of the revenues of the canons non-resident in aid of these charges, namely one moiety of the sum at which each prebend was assessed, to be paid yearly within a month of Easter, until the whole sum should be completed. Dated Wells, the last day of March 1337.

R.I. f. 200.

Grant indented by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Stonore canon, of that tenement at the Mounterye situate on the south side of the tenement of William Pencrich canon and on the north side of that wherein Sir Thomas de Lechelade and Richard le Gray vicars dwell, to hold so long as he be a canon and prebendary, at the accustomed rent. Dated Wells the chapter house, 10 April 1337.

R.I. f. 200*d.*

Grant indented by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to John de Sobbury canon of the tenement at the Torreyete wherein Richard de Rodeneye canon formerly dwelt, to hold so long as he be a canon and prebendary, at the accustomed rent. Dated Wells, 8 April 1337.

R.I. f. 200*d.*

Memorandum that 20 November 1337 Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, in the chapel of his palace at Wells, collated Master John de Middelton rector of Shepton Beauchamp to the chancellorship of Wells void by the death of Master Thomas de Retford ; and he was sworn to read or find a reader within one month, also to reside and be obedient. Witnesses : John de Carleton, Roger Oke clerks, Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.I. f. 200*d.*

Citation by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Master William de Lutleton precentor and canon to appear at a special chapter after the Translation of St. Benedict Abb., to confer upon the defence of the liberties of their church, and the repair of the fabric. Dated the chapter house Wells, 29 May 1338.

R.I. f. 201.

Mandate of Roger de Mortuo Mari archdeacon of Wells to the dean of Frome to cite Robert Belyn, Adam atte Wydeputte and John Wyng before him or his commissary in the church of Wells after Trinity next, to answer the dean and chapter touching their violation of the sequestration by him made at the instance of the dean and chapter of the parish church of Chywton appropriated to the abbot and convent of Jumiéges. Dated Wells, 3 May 1338.

R.I. f. 201.

Memorandum that 15 December 1337 Master Simon de Bristoll', whom Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells collated to the chancellorship of Wells by exchange, was sworn in the cathedral of Bath to read at Wells in theology or in the decrees at the times used for such lecture in the university of Oxford, also to reside and to be obedient. In presence of Master John de Carleton and John de Wambergh canons of Wells and Stephen Tryppe notary public.

R.I. f. 201.

[Revocation by the *locum tenens* of the dean of Wells and the chapter of the commission given to Master Gilbert de Shepton rector of Crych touching the exercise of their ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Dated Wells in chapter, 6 April 1338.

[Mandate of the *locum tenens* of the dean and the chapter to the vicar of Northcory to publish the above revocation, and inhibit his parishioners from obeying the said commission. Dated as above.]

Cancelled because not sealed.

R.I. f. 201*d*.

Mandate of Richard de Thystelden treasurer of Wells and Walter de Hull subdean, commissaries of the dean and chapter within the parish of Northcory, to Sir John vicar of Northcory and William de Laueleye vicar in the church of Wells, to cite Walter le Eyr, Adam le Eyr, Robert le Spycer and John Jolyf of Sowy before the dean and chapter or their commissaries in the church of Wells, to shew cause why sentence of major excommunication in accordance with the canon should not be pronounced upon them, for coming in February 1337 with certain accomplices upon consecrated ground within the said parish, and there, in sight of Master William de Lutleton the precentor, Master Robert de Baldok, Master John de Wambergh canons of Wells and others, laying violent hands upon Robert Gyan clerk and wounding him to the shedding of blood. Dated Wells, 6 April 1338.

R.I. f. 201*d*

Reply to a letter [of the king, in margin] sent by Robert de Wyvill' his yeoman, stating that not a penny of the 100 marks which William de la Marche formerly bishop of Bath and Wells bequeathed to Robert Urry his nephew to take for him the holy voyage at the next general expedition, and lent him by the said Robert, is in their hands, and commending to him canon Henry de Carleton who will explain. Dated in chapter Wells, 28 January [1340, in margin]. (*French*).

R.I. f. 202.

Memorandum that on Friday the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1340 came Master John de Middelton vicar in the cathedral before Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, and craved that Sir Hugh de Alresford should be admitted to dwell with him according to the statutes ; and they assented, provided that Sir

William de Walton now dwelling with Master John be not defrauded of his right. Present: (dean's side) the dean, the archdeacon of Wells, the chancellor, Master John de Orleton, John Hywysh; (precentor's side) the precentor, Michael de Eston, Master Robert Baldok, Henry de Fulham and Geoffrey de Chelchehuth.

R.I. f. 202.

Charter of endowment to the church of Cungresbiry upon the dedication thereof by Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, the patron, granting to the same in almoin one virgate of land at Wyke which John Aylward, Adam Algar, William Oswal and Geoffrey Toky held, with the said men and all that goes with them for ever, to be held of the church by them and their issue as formerly of the bishop, with the same customs in the bishop's pastures as other men who formerly held of the church; also 1 acre 3 perches of land called Horscroft at Cungresbiry, the garden on the east side of the church and the bishop's court, and pasture for 6 oxen and 2 cows on the bishop's pastures with his oxen and cows. Dated by his own hand, Cungresbiry, the Translation of St. Benedict P. 10 bishop Joscelin.

R.I. f. 202.

Acquittance to date by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter de Middelton and John le Markaunt burgesses of Wells, tenants of a messuage, garden and dovecote in Welles situate on the east side of Newestrete between the tenements of Richard atte More on the north and of Master Walter de Hulle the subdean on the south, for a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* payable at Wells on 31 January every year, which rent William de Pulton canon of Wells, being the lord thereof, before the publication of the statute of mortmain, by will bequeathed to the dean and chapter for his obit in the church of Wells. Dated Wells, Thursday after the Annunciation 14 Edward III.

R.I. f. 202*d.*

Grant of John le Markaunt burgess of Wells, now lord of the messuage, garden and dovecote in Newestrete (above described), to the dean and chapter of Wells, that they and their successors shall for ever enjoy the rent granted (as above) by William de Pulton canon. Sealed by the said John and with the common seal of the borough. Dated Wells, 1 April 14 Edward III. Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somertone, William de Cumptone, Thomas de Testwode, Richard de Harpetre, Robert de Lovyngton.

R.I. f. 202*d.*

Declaration of John le Markaunt (as above) that the messuage etc. (above described) are for ever charged with the rent granted (as above) by canon William de Pulton; and that whereas Walter de Middelton burgess of Wells, late lord thereof, ceased in [ ] Edward III to pay the said rent, the said John has paid it in his

name, granting to the dean and chapter that they and their successors shall enjoy the same for ever, and binding himself his heirs and assigns the owners of the said messuage for payment. Sealed by the said John and with the seal of the bishop's exchequer. Dated Wells, 1 April 14 Edward III. Witnesses: as the last.

R.I. f. 203.

Grant to farm by W. de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Stonore canon, of the farm called the canons' grange in Wells, for a yearly cess of 80*l.* payable quarterly to the communar, to hold so long as he be a canon and keep his residence. Dated in the chapter of Wells, iii kal. March 1347.

R.I. f. 203.

Grant by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to John de Tauestoke vicar of Modeforde and his successors, finding upon his petition that the portion assigned to his vicarage (namely the houses and gardens on the south side of the churchyard, the tithes of fulling and water mills, vivaries, warrens, parks, gardens, feedings, pastures and woods within the parish, the tithes of the young of cows, mares, geese, hens, swine, bees, goats, doves, ducks, swans, peahens etc. feeding within the same, the tithes of fishings, hawkings, marketings, huntings, gains of trading, and crafts of carpenters, tailors, smiths, websters, brewers and other parishioners, and of other goods lawfully acquired, the oblations, mortuaries, and legacies of the parishioners; the tithes of corn and hay excepted and reserved) is too small to support himself, one priest whom he is bound to find for the cure, and other charges, of 40*s.* a year further to increase the same, from the proventions of the said church, payable at Michaelmas and Easter by their farmer thereof, provided he find one priest to minister in chapels and other places, acknowledge all charges of the archdeacon (the procuration due by reason of his visitation excepted), find bread, wine and light for divine offices, and be responsible for the custody of the books and ornaments, the repair of the church and of the vicarage houses, the other charges resting upon the dean and chapter. Dated in the chapter of Wells, vii kal. August 1340. Attested by . . . Hulle.

R.I. f. 203*d.*

Mandate of Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, by virtue of their jurisdiction within the parish of Northcory to them appropriated, to Master Robert de Baldok canon of Wells and Sir William de Laualee vicar of Wells, to cite (in accordance with the provincial constitution '*Zelari oportet*') John Abbe layman a parishioner of Northcory to appear before them or their commissary in the church of Wells on Friday before St. Ambrose Bp. and Conf., and answer the charge of infringing the liberty of their church by seizing the great tithes of the hamlets of Lillesdon and Mere within the said parish for the year 1337 estimated at 20*l.*, thereby incurring a sentence of major excommunication, pro-

testing that they will not proceed against him more summarily since the value does not amount to one fourth of the goods of that church. Dated Wells in chapter, iii id. March the same year.

R.I. f. 204.

Mandate of the dean and chapter (as above) to Master Robert de Baldok and Sir William de Lauelee to cite John de Tanton vicar of Northcory (as above) to answer interrogatories by reason of his contempt and disobedience. Dated Wells, v kal. April 1338.

R.I. f. 204.

Mandate of the dean and chapter (as above) to John vicar of Northcory and William de Laueleye vicar in the church of Wells to cite (as above) Walter le Eyr, Adam le Eyr, and John le Spycer of Sowy to shew cause why sentence of major excommunication should not be pronounced against them, for coming upon consecrated soil in February 1337 with certain accomplices, and there, in sight of Master William de Luttleton the precentor, Robert de Baldok, John de Wamberge canons of Wells and others, assaulting Robert Gyam (*sic*) clerk and wounding him to the shedding of blood. Dated Wells in chapter, iii id. May the same year.

R.I. f. 204*d*.

Commission by the dean and chapter (as above) to the treasurer and subdean to hear and proceed in all causes against the parishioners of Northcory moved or to be moved of their office or at the instance of the parties, revoking former commissions. Dated Wells in chapter, 1 April 1338.

R.I. f. 204*d*.

23 October 1340, 6 Pope Benedict XII, Sir John de Sancto Paulo provost of Wells, at Everecrych in the chapel of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, upon his collation by the bishop in exchange with Master Alan de Conesboregh, was sworn to observe the statutes and customs of the church of Wells, to content the canons and vicars thereof and those ministering in the chapels of St. Mary and St. Martin according to the ordinance of Jocelin formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, and to obey the bishop and his ministers: in presence of Master John de Carleton, Master Walter de Hulle, Master John de Wamberge canons of Wells, John de Middelton rector of Bleodon, John de Kylehurst and Stephen Trippe notaries public.

R.I. f. 205.

Ordinance of Jocelin bishop of Bath that, whereas there were two provostships in the church of Wells, (one of Cumba, consisting in the manor and church of Cumba, the churches of Cerde and Wellington, the other of Wynesham, consisting in the manor and church of Wynesham,) and these were neither dignities nor prelacies (*prelature*) but offices of charge, that of Wynesham not sufficing to support the charges thereto attached, the provostship

of Wynesham shall by consent of the chapter of Wells be united with that of Cumba, and not be a dignity or prelacy but an office of charge, the person collated by the bishop and his successors having all the possessions and maintaining all the charges previously belonging to both; to consist in the manors of Cumba and Wynesham, and the churches of Cumba, Wynesham, Cerde and Wellinton (a land with alders called Presteleg and a small meadow called Spurtemed within the circuit of the bishop's wood in Wellinton excepted and by him retained); so that in the church of Welynton there be a vicar for ever, his vicarage consisting in the small tithes [legacies*] and obventions of the altars of Bokeland and Wellinton and the tithes of mills and of hay (the hay of the bishop's demesne and of the demesne of Gerebert knight of Wellinton and his heirs excepted), also a house with ground on the south side of the church of Wellinton, and a house with ground on the east side of that of Bokeland. In the church of Cerde shall be a similar vicarage consisting in the small tithes, legacies and obventions of the mother church and chapels, and the tithes of hay (that of the bishop's demesne excepted) and of the mills, the vicar paying a yearly rent of 3 marks to the provost, to whom shall remain all sheaves in curtilages or outfields, church scot, and the log to be taken yearly from the bishop's wood, (and the same at Wellinton,) also a vicarage house with ground on the east side of the churchyard opposite the provost's court, with no power to make any new building or opening on the side of the provost's court: these vicarages to be in the bishop's gift. In the church of Cumba shall be a vicarage with the small tithes, legacies and obventions of the mother church and the chapel of Waterlestun (except tithes of lambs), the sheaves of beans of the curtilages and the tithes of hay of the whole parish save the provost's demesne; also a vicarage house with ground on the south side of the road to Stantun. In the church of Wynesham shall be a vicarage to consist in the small tithes, legacies and obventions of altarage (tithes of the provost's house and demesne excepted). Power reserved to make up the vicarage of Cumba to the yearly value of 5 marks, ordinary charges being deducted, of the goods of the provostship: the provost to present to the vicarages of Cumba and Wynesham. These four vicars to have the cure of souls, and to answer to the bishop for spiritualities, to the provost for temporalities; the bishop to have jurisdiction over Wellinton and Cerde, the dean and chapter over Wynesham and Cumba: the provost to pay quarterly for fifteen prebends to fifteen canons, to be collated by the bishop, 10 marks a year each, one whereof he shall retain as his own, and shall give to his own vicar in Wells 3 marks a year, and the other canons shall give their vicars 2 marks at least; if the bishop collate the provost to another prebend, he shall collate whom he will to the prebend formerly the provost's, and the canon shall give his vicar 2 marks at least, the third being contributed by the provost; the provost shall pay 20 marks a year towards the service of the Virgin, and 10 marks

* Interlineation in later hand.

a year to the service of the dead established by bishop Jocelin, and shall take an oath to content the canons and ministers aforesaid ; and at whatever time of year his death or cession may happen he shall have the emoluments and support the charges of the year ending at the Midsummer following, and shall leave to his successors 107 acres sown with wheat at Cumba, 149 sown with oats, and 78½ of fallow ; also a stock of 40 oxen at 5*s*. each, and 200 sheep at 12*d*. each ; at Wynesham the demesne tilled as usual, and a stock of 16 oxen at 3*s*. 6*d*. each, one plough horse at 5*s*., 6 swine and a boar at 4*s*., 132 sheep and wethers at 5*d*. each and 53 lambs at 2½*d*. ; at Cerde the demesne tilled as usual, but no stock ; at Welinton nothing tilled, for any tillage shall be his own as it was his predecessor's, and likewise any sowing of the villenage in either place, saving to his successor rent due from the land until Michaelmas, but any tillage of the demesne at Cumba beyond what he took over shall remain to his executors : William de Whethamstede provost at the date of this ordinance thus took and shall thus leave the provostship, he and his successors. Done on the morrow of Christmas, in the chapter of Wells, 29 bishop Jocelin. Certified by William Camel clerk and Walter de Hulle clerk notaries public.

R.I. f. 205.

Petition of the dean and chapter of Wells to Pope Benedict [XII] on behalf of Master John de Carleton doctor of civil law. Dated Wells, 25 October 1340.

R.I. f. 206.

Reply to a letter of [the earl of Cornwall guardian of England, in margin] in which he requested that the 100 marks bequeathed by bishop William de la Marche to Robert Urry his nephew in order that at the next expedition he should take for him the holy voyage should be sent to the king, to whom they have been lent by the said Robert for a term on the understanding that no expedition will take place for the present ; stating that not a penny thereof is in their hands, as he supposed. Dated in chapter Wells, 3 December [1340, in margin]. (*French*).

R.I. f. 206.

Writ of *supersedeas* addressed to the vendors and assessors of the subsidy of a ninth of sheaves, fleeces and lambs in county Somerset granted by parliament at Westminster for the foreign war, upon the complaint of the dean and chapter of Wells, in regard to the demand of the said ninth made upon the dignities, prebends and benefices of the dean and chapter, who pay the two years' tenth granted by the clergy of the province of Canterbury, provided that the said subsidy be levied upon any manors, lands etc. held by purchase as usually assessed with laymen and not with the clergy, the king desiring that prelates, abbots and priors paying such ninth should be discharged of the said tenth. Tested by the guardian at Redyng, 10 November 14 [Edward III].

R.I. f. 206*d*.

Writ of *supersedeas* addressed to the vendors and assessors (as above) upon the complaint of the dean and chapter of Wells that the ninth has been levied upon the glebe of churches appropriated to them, though they have paid the tenth to Midsummer last and are ready to pay it in future, in regard to the demand for the subsidy made upon their churches, with proviso (as above). Tested by the guardian at Walyngford, 15 November 14 [Edward III].

R.I. f. 206*d*.

Letters of credence from the dean and chapter of Wells, addressed to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, in favour of Master William de Litteleton the precentor and Master John de London canon of Wells, whom they are sending upon business concerning their church and estate. Dated Wells, iv kal. January.

R.I. f. 206*d*.

Special proxy by the dean and chapter to John de London canon of Wells and Nicholas de Bathonia clerk, in a cause moved against them by Robert Urry before Master Bernard Systre canon of St. Ilarius of Poitiers and papal nuncio, touching 100 marks bequeathed by bishop William de Marchia in aid of the holy land that the said Robert might cross thither. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 12 February 1340.

R.I. f. 207.

Memorandum that on 15 March 1340 the dean and chapter of Wells received a letter addressed to them by John de Sancto Paulo provost of Wells, dated Berkhamsted 11 March, stating that he had previously written for a commission to hold chapters at Combe and Wynesham, but now hears that they have fixed a day for such chapters, and requesting them to postpone the matter until he can confer with them or some of them, (for, as they are aware, he is hindered from arranging his own affairs as he ought,) or else to grant a commission to his proctor.

R.I. f. 207.

Commission by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, by virtue of their ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the parishes of Combe and Wynesham, to Sir John de Sancto Paulo provost of Wells and Sir Roger de Langport clerk to hear and determine causes and punish offences. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 16 March 1340.

R.I. f. 207*d*.

Grant to farm by the dean and chapter of Wells to canon Henry de Fulham of their churches of Lovyngton and Modeford, for a yearly cess of 30*l*. fixed at a special chapter, payable quarterly to the communar, to hold so long as he be canon and keep his residence. Dated Wells the chapter house, Sunday after St. Matthew 1341.

R.I. f. 207*d*.

Grant indented by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir John called Treeute de Alta Werthe vicar of Wells cathedral, of the tenement at the Torreghate which John de Sobbury canon held and has resigned, to hold for life, so that he be not bound to receive a companion therein, at the accustomed rent, rebuilding at his own cost the houses that have fallen. Dated Wells, 10 April 1342.

R.I. f. 207*d*.

Sentence fulminated in writing, 6 May 1313 in London at the house of the dean of St. Paul, by William de Balaeto archdeacon of Fréjus (*Foroiulien*'), the pope's chaplain and nuncio, collector of certain legacies and obventions to the holy land, by consent and confession of Master Walter de Haselschawe clerk proctor of the dean and chapter of Wells, upon a claim for 100 marks bequeathed by William de Marchia late bishop of Bath and Wells for an aid to the holy land to John de Marchia his brother if living, or else to Robert Urry (Virry) his nephew (now surviving), to cross thither for him, and deposited by the bishop's executors with the dean and chapter, that they should make restitution and full payment to the said Robert at the first expedition to the holy land on pain of excommunication as regards the dean and interdict as regards the chapter. In presence of Master John Palencourt notary public, Sir John de Mereseye priest, Elyas Andeberti clerk. Attested by Robert called le Dorturer clerk of Winchester diocese notary public and secretary to Master William de Balaeto.

R.I. f. 208.

Copy mandate of Bernard Systre canon of St. Illarius of Poitiers and papal nuncio to the official of Bath and Wells, at the instance of Robert Urry, reciting the above sentence, to admonish the dean and chapter of Wells to content the said Robert of the said 100 marks within one month or shew cause to the contrary, appointing the 15th day after the said monition for that purpose. Dated London, under the seal of his office, 9 January 1340.

R.I. f. 208.

Decree of Bernard Sistre (as above) reciting that on Tuesday, the day above appointed, the dean and chapter appeared by Master Nicholas de Bathonia clerk their proctor to shew cause, but Robert Urry did not, neither upon adjournment until the first hour on Wednesday; and at the application of the said proctor dismissing the dean and chapter with costs. Dated London, under the seal of his office, 15 March 1340.

R.I. f. 208*d*.

Exceptions in writing by Nicholas de Bathonia clerk, proctor of the dean and chapter of Wells, before Master Bernard Sistre papal nuncio, against Robert Urry and any intervening on his behalf, and against the decree of condemnation passed upon Master Walter de Haselshawe clerk proctor of the dean and chapter by William

de Balaeto former nuncio, and the execution thereof, namely that such decree was for payment of 100 marks at a time then to come, to wit at the first expedition to the holy land, therefore the said Robert cannot recover the same since that time has not yet come.

Also that the said alleged decree is null, for that the said master has long been dead, and it can have no effect upon a dead person, especially in a civil cause ; and the dean and chapter were absent (not through contumacy) and ignorant thereof and undefended, nor has it been shewn that they were bound to the said Robert, or that any demand had been made by him.

R.I. ff. 208*d*., 209.

Special proxy by the dean and chapter to Master William de Nyweton to make an appeal. Dated Wells the chapter house, 9 April 1341.

R.I. f. 209*d*.

Indenture of William de Arderne lord of the manor of Lovyngton, acknowledging the right of the dean and chapter of Wells to common of pasture for 3 plough horses and 21 oxen, cows, steers, or heifers in a place called Hywysh within his said manor by reason of the parish church appropriated to them before the statute of mortmain and of their lands and tenements there. Dated Wells, Tuesday after St. James Ap. 15 Edward III. Witnesses : Walter de Rodeneye, Walter de Pavely, John de Palton knights, Philip de Welleslegh, Simon de Bradeneye, Richard de Coker, Henry Toner.

R.I. f. 209*d*.

Grant by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to William de Arderne lord of Lovyngton that his name shall be written in their martyrology among the benefactors of their church, and that he, his forefathers and heirs shall participate in all masses etc. Dated Wells in chapter, Thursday after St. Benedict Abb. 1341.

R.I. f. 209*d*.

Mandate of the official of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean of Ivelcestre, to cite Peter de Cote rector of Cycelberge, to appear before him or other president of the consistory of Wells in that church after St. Denis next, to answer the dean and chapter touching two thirds of the fruits of the church of Exton, which he has appropriated during the vacancy thereof, such fruits belonging from time immemorial to the dean and chapter. Dated Wells, xiii kal. October 1341.

R.I. f. 210.

Mandate of the bishop's official to the official of the dean of Wells, to cite Master Robert Hereward archdeacon of Tanton before him or his commissary in the church of Wells on Saturday after St. Denis, to render an account of the fruits of ecclesi-

astical benefices in his archdeaconry during vacancies, belonging to the dean and chapter, taken by him his officials and ministers. Dated Wells, id. September 1341.

R.I. f. 210.

Mandate of the official and deputy of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean of Ivelcestre, to cite Peter de Cote rector of Cyselberge, to appear (as above) to answer for the wrongful seizure of ecclesiastical property of the church of Wells, and to other articles. Dated Wells, xiii kal. October 1341.

R.I. f. 210.

Libel of the proctor of the dean and chapter of Wells, before the president of the consistory of Wells, against Sir Thomas vicar of Welyngton, alleging that he has appropriated all the fruits of the church of Badyalton lately void, whereof according to immemorial custom two thirds belong to the dean and chapter, to the value of 10*l.*, and praying sentence of restitution.

R.I. f. 210*d.*

Indenture of Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter conferring upon John [de Hywysh, in margin] canon of Wells certain houses in the canons' street in the city of Wells on the west side of the canons' grange, vacant by the death of John de Orleton canon, for a yearly pension of 4*d.* imposed by the donor thereof for his obit, payable to the dean and chapter or their escheator on the third day after St. James Ap. every year so long as he shall dwell there. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Saturday after the Exaltation of Holy [Cross] 1341.

R.I. f. 210*d.*

Letter of credence by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter in favour of John Cok' their messenger to request general prayers for the dead. Dated in the chapter of Wells, 1 June 1342.

R.I. f. 211.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 16 [February ?] 1343, of an *inspeximus* and approval by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Wyvelescumbe iv non. January 1342, of an agreement made between Master William de Littleton precentor of Wells plaintiff and Sir William atte Boxe vicar of the church of Pulton attached to the precentorship defendant, whereby the precentor granted to the vicar, so long as he should remain vicar, the tithes of lambs, wool, geese, cheese and eggs of that parish, outside the court of the abbot of Glastonbury at Pulton, paying to the precentor and his successors 4*s.* at Midsummer for the same; dated Wells, Monday after St. Nicholas 1342.

R.I. f. 211.

Citation by the official of the court of Canterbury to the dean and chapter of Wells, in a cause between Sir John de Sancto Paulo provost of Wells plaintiff and Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells

defendant, for negligence in regard to the interpretation of an ordinance touching the said provostship, to appear before him or his commissary in the church of St. Mary le Bow London after St. Gregory, in order to give information to the president, their counsel and assent to such interpretation, to hear such interpretation etc., with mandate to search their registers and memoranda, and certify him how many provosts without a prebend are recorded, for what reason they had none, how many and which of them had prebends, what prebends any of them held, and during what time. Dated London, iv non. March 1342.

Return, after diligent search, that they can find nothing but what has been already sent under their seal: that no canon now resident can remember a provost before Sir Robert de Haselshawe who held the prebend of Wyvelescomb, after whom Master Alan de Conesburgh held the provostship but no prebend, then in his lifetime Sir Robert de Tanton obtained the provostship, and for a time held the prebend of Wyvelescomb: he died while a suit was pending between him and Master Alan, by exchange with whom Sir John de Sancto Paulo obtained the provostship; but for how many years months or days each held the same, or for what cause the said Alan had no prebend, they can find no record, nor any who knew saw or heard that any provost held the provostship as a prebend by virtue of the ordinance; with undertaking to appear upon the day above named.

R.I. f. 211*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated 4 March 17 Edward III, of a grant indented made by Walter de London the dean to Bertram de Dombelton of a messuage with curtilage '34 acres of land and meadow and a half' in More and Calenge which John Wynegar lately held in villenage, to hold for life freely etc. at a yearly rent of 21*s*. 4¼*d*. for all demands, with warranty; witnessed by Walter de Farndon, Richard de Morton, John Gyllyng', Robert le Clerk, John Chaperlayn; and dated Wells, Sunday 15 January 13 Edward III.

R.I. f. 212.

Notification by the dean and chapter of Wells that, whereas two thirds of the fruit of the church of Fytyngton at the time of the vacancy, namely the autumn of 1341, belonging to them, were collected by persons appointed by Master Hereward archdeacon of Tanton, and stored in granges or barns of the said church on consecrated ground, and afterwards removed by Simon de Bradeneye, such removal was contrary to their wishes. Dated Wells, iv non. February the same year.

R.I. f. 212*d*.

Ratification by the dean and chapter of Wells of the appointment made by Master Robert Hereward the archdeacon of John atte Yaa clerk to collect the fruits of rents etc. of the church of Fityngton in the archdeaconry of Tanton lately vacant. Dated Wells, kal. August 1341.

R.I. f. 212*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 9 February 18 Edward III, of a grant made by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Peter le Monyer burgess of Wells, of a piece of land in Wells in Chamberleynstrete, between the tenement of the said Peter on the west and a vacant piece of Master Thomas de Haselschawe on the east, containing in length 26 feet and in breadth 9 feet, to hold to the said Peter and the heirs of his body of the bishop and his successors at a yearly rent of 1*d.* at Michaelmas ; witnessed by Thomas le Saltere, John Markaunt, John le Kyng, William de Cheleworthe, John Bradewell ; and dated Woky, 12 October 17 Edward III.

R.I. f. 212*d.*

Ordinance of Tideman bishop of Worcester, reciting that the canons and constitutions lay down that in every appropriated church a vicar shall be appointed with fit provision for his maintenance and for supporting the charges of the church, and that accordingly upon the dean and chapter of Wells presenting Master John Manston priest bachelor in laws to the vicarage of Poculchurch (Pokelchurch) in his diocese to them appropriated, he fixed a date within which such portion should be assigned to the vicarage thereof ; and with their consent assigning to the said vicar and his successors for a dwelling the hall of the rectory manse and chambers adjoining, kitchen, brewhouse, bakehouse and all houses within the said hall, and the dovecote, with a parcel of the garden stretching from a corner of the chamber at the north end of the hall straight eastwards to the furlong of the bishop of Bath and Wells, to be enclosed at the vicar's cost, and from that bound southwards to the highway through the middle of a curtilage by the churchyard, through which the vicars shall have an entry 14 feet wide, which curtilage William Prym lately held of the holding of the said rectory ; a byre on the west side of the hall adjoining a stable there, and a pigsty with the vacant space before the hall from the west corner of the said byre in a straight line to the west corner of the pigsty, to be enclosed with a stone wall ; the houses at Abbotestun and Westerleigh in which the chaplains serving the chapels there used to dwell ; all the lands of the rectory demesne, namely 54 acres of arable land in divers fields, the meadows called (*Hammede, Swanmede, Henfeldesmede and Osemondemede), a parcel of meadow in Wotton field, and another called (*Ricardesmore), the wood called Roulese and Shortwode for their fuel, a parcel of wood from the bishop's park any day in the year and a log therefrom at Christmas, pasture for 8 oxen with those of the bishop of Bath as the rectors had, a pasture adjacent to the rectory called (*Longecrofte), with common for all cattle ; the tithe of woodfalls, hay, calves, lambs, swine, fowls, geese, ducks, doves , mills, eggs, wool, woolfells, milk, cheese, milkmeats, wax, honey, stone, coal, flax and hemp, tithes of merchants and tradesmen, with mortuaries, personal tithes and oblations, (saving the rents of church or rectory tenants and all great tithes, perquisites of court, fines of lands and tenements, and heriots, a close of meadow and pasture at Westerleigh, a wood called Trotesmore,

and all other houses at Poculchurch, Abboteston and Westerlegh, which shall belong to the dean and chapter): the vicars shall have the cure of souls, perform service in the church, find two chaplains, one at Abboteston and one at Westerleygh, to celebrate in the chapels, repair the chancels of the church and chapels, pay tithes and other subsidies to the pope and king, procurations to the nuncio and to the archdeacon, Easter rent, the gift of St. Martin, a pension to the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, half a mark yearly to the bishop and his successors, and all other charges that would fall upon the rector: should arable lands be converted to meadow or pasture, or meadow to pasture to arable land (*sic*), tithes to be paid as before. (No date.) Examined and found correct.

R.I. f. 213: III. f. 53*d*., where the names *, left blank in R.I., are supplied.

Portions to be divided at Canonbern' on the feast of St. Martin Conf. in bread, meat, cheese, beer etc.

The treasurer 4 white loaves, 4 pieces of uncooked meat, 2 quarts of beer: and to find one candle or 1*lb*. wax.

The bishop's bailiff 4 white loaves, one fair piece of meat, 2 quarts of beer.

The sacrist bringing the said candle or wax 2 shoulders of mutton.

The *berebrettus* 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

The out reeve 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

The parker 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

Two sowers or eight sowers (*sic*) 4 white loaves and 4 black, 4 pieces of meat, 2 quarts of beer.

Four ploughmen each 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

Two haywards, namely the two foresters, 4 white loaves and 4 black, 8 pieces of meat, 2 quarts of beer.

The hunters 4 white loaves and 4 black, 8 pieces of meat, 2 quarts of beer.

The miller 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

The smith for a crook or hook 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer, if he give a crook or hook.

The borough reeve 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer.

The cachepoll 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, 1 quart of beer: and to find two casks to contain the beer, and one quart measure.

The hundredman one white loaf and 4 black, 8 pieces of meat, one *meribon*, one cheese, and 2 quarts of beer.

The shepherd (*multardus*) 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 bits (*frusta*) of meat, 1 quart of beer.

Corn to be received the same day:—

Of the bishop's fee of Eston 2 *minæ* of wheat well shaken and piled up: one court, one reeve.

Of the brethren's fee of Eston one *mina* as above.

Of the fee of Sir Philip de Milton at Eston and Milton 7½ *minæ* of wheat: one court, one woodward, one reeve.

Of the fee of Ivo Denebaud 2½ *minæ* of wheat: one court, one reeve.

Of Wormestorre fee 4½ *minæ* of wheat: one reeve, one servant as for one master, for two ploughs as for one *mina*.

Of Dynre fee 2½ *minæ* of wheat: one reeve, and none (*nulla*) at Westerunton.

Of Esthornyngdon fee 2 *minæ* of wheat: one court and reeve.

Of the bishop's fee of West Hornyngdon one *mina* of wheat.

Of the fee of Sir Richard Berihale one *mina*.

Of the fee of William de Wellesleye two thirds of a *mina*.

Of Henry's fee one third of a *mina*. No court, no reeve.

Livery due for every *mina* of wheat: one white loaf and 4 black, 8 pieces of meat, one *meribon*, one small cheese, 2 quarts of beer.

Oats to be received:—

Of Estharpetre fee 8 *minæ* of oats: 2 reeves, 2 courts.

Of Westharpetre fee 7 [*minæ*] of oats: 2 courts, one reeve.

Note that for every *mina* is due one white loaf and 4 black, 9 pieces of meat, one cheese, one *meribone* with salt, 2 quarts of beer.

For every court, namely 2 courts of Estharpetre 9 white loaves and 9 black, 18 pieces of meat, 6 quarts of beer.

Two courts of Westharpetre 9 white loaves, 9 black, 18 pieces of meat, 6 . . . .

The reeve one white loaf and 4 black.

Two courts there as the others above.

The sacrist of St. Cuthbert to have 2 white loaves and 2 black, 4 pieces of meat, one quart of beer.

At Pridie 9 men shall take 9 white loaves, each one white and one black for collecting the tithe.

At Hope and Hadesdone 7 men, as above.

At Whitenhull 5 men, as above.

At Hakedone 4 men, as above.

Note, every loaf shall weigh 20*s*.

R.I. ff. 213*d*., 214. (The handwriting of this entry is similar to the last).

Ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath, whereas insufficient provision has been made for the light of St. Andrew Wells, that the parson of Weston near Worle, of the bishop's patronage, shall render of the revenues of that church yearly 100*lb*. of wax to the treasury of Wells, 50*lb*. at the Passion of St. Andrew and 50*lb*. at his Translation so that the treasurer may find a candle of competent size for ever to burn upon the high altar at every hour when any office is celebrated in the choir day or night. Dated Wells, the Assumption 28 bishop Joscelin.

R.I. f. 214*d*.: III. f. 281*d*.

Statutes made at a special chapter held on the morrow of St. Andrew 1298.

Vicars present in the city of Wells to attend matins, prime, high mass, vespers, compline and other canonical hours: for tierce, sext

and none six at least on the dean's side, and six on the precentor's. Any vicar absenting himself to lose his daily penny, unless excused for infirmity or other reasonable cause, to be explained at the next chapter. Vicars entering and leaving the choir or there remaining to observe the manner of the ordinal.

No vicar may leave the choir until service is over, even to say the service of the Virgin Mary in her chapel, save for matins there on double feasts ; in order to stop the practice of going to converse with laymen in the nave under colour of purchasing goods exposed for sale there.

No trading to take place in the nave, and the sacrist to be punished for permitting it.

The sacrist to ring at the proper times, and keep the church from noise.

Every canon to restrain his household from noise in the church. The sacrist to be removed if negligent therein. No talking to take place in the choir ; and anyone offending repeatedly after three warnings to forfeit half his week's commons to the fabric.

No vicar to go to market in the habit he is bound to wear in the church, nor to enter the church without it during service.

Every vicar to see daily whether he or his master (whom he is bound to warn) is on the board for special duty : and similarly the priest, deacon and subdeacon of the week.

Choir leaders to make sure they know the hymns and chants. Others to sing in time. When the *gloria patri* is said to turn towards the high altar.

Upon feasts of nine lessons *placebo* and *dirige* to be said in the chapter or library by those on the list for chapter mass, or to forfeit half the week's commons.

After prime the vicars to enter the chapter and a lesson to be read ; then everyone to listen to the president, if he choose to rebuke him. All vicars to join in processions, especially those on the list for duty : in those of double feasts no one to put off his choir cope before the end of the collect.

On Sundays after the procession and collect, the priest of the week to enter the pulpit in his vestments and cope of silk and recite the prayers, which all priests are to learn. No vicar to wear his cope of silk over his black cope in the choir at night.

Whereas some vicars seldom come to the office for the dead save when there is a distribution of money, and then leave, the sum so received to be deducted on Saturday from the daily portions of those not at vespers and compline : provision against late comers.

No vicar having to celebrate daily mass for a deceased person throughout the year, or the half of it, to make default in such office : those appointed to keep the boards and the examiners to be sworn to deliver weekly a list of all defaults known to them.

In accordance with the statute made in chapter on the morrow of St. James 1243, and the injunction laid upon the vicars by dean Walter and the chapter on St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas' day 1295, no vicar should live alone, but two at least together, any vicar disobeying this rule to be suspended from entering the choir and taking his commons from Michaelmas next, except by dispensation of the dean and chapter.

No vicar convicted of keeping a concubine and having children by her to permit her access to him, nor to take part in feasts where she is likely to be, nor to converse with her save in public.

The warden of the treasury, who receives 2 marks a year to maintain candles on either side of the cross in the nave during vespers, matins and high mass on double feasts, to see they are of honest size; and that the incense used is good.

The keeper of the boards to see that the altarists say the psalter daily for the bishop, the chapter and benefactors.

Every vicar within a year after being sworn to learn the church service must take the necessary orders.

The statute of William de Button the second bishop of Bath and Wells touching the admission of vicars to be observed; should the person presented to a vicarage have a defect of voice or knowledge of chanting, the dean and chapter may collate a fit person.

The dean and chapter to appoint two visitors to visit yearly within three weeks after Easter the buildings of all farms and houses of their collation and assess dilapidations, which must be made good before Michaelmas. If the farmer or tenant die, his executors to be bound to pay the cost before dealing with the deceased's goods, and a penalty of half a mark to be levied; but allowance may be made for improvements.

Canons' payments for their farms to be made within 15 days of the term at latest, subject to a penalty of 5*s*. for every 10 marks, and the debt to be levied of the farm and prebend of the farmer.

Whereas the first year's fruits of any vacant prebend belong two thirds to the dean and chapter and one third to the deceased, and the escheator should divide the price when sold equally among the canons and vicars present at Wells within 30 days after notice of such decease, the escheator on entering office to be sworn not to sell at less than the assessment in the chapter register, a copy whereof he should have.

No canon however long he abide in the city to claim his daily distribution or distribution at the end of the year until sworn in chapter: this rule not to be affected by certain temporary exceptions made.

Every canon to pay his vicar's stipend when due.

The precentor or succentor in chapter to arrange on Saturday for the duty of the week.

Discreet persons to amend contradictions and obscurities in the ordinal of the church, and a second copy to be made, for safety's sake, in the martyrology. Corrections to be made in the antiphonaries, graduals and tropers by instructed vicars.

Assessment of the various prebends:—

Wedmor 40*l*.	Wytlakyngton 20 marks
Milverton 50 marks	Wytechirch 20 marks
Ayshull 22 marks	Cuddeworth 10 marks
Cumpton 20*l*.	Lutton 25 marks
Jatton 50 marks	Harpetre 20 marks
Hengestrigg 25 marks	Dultingcote 20 marks
Haselber' 20 marks	Wormesterr' 16 marks
Wandestr' 10 marks	Bocland 10*l*.

Eston 20 marks	Tymbercumb 8 marks
Ilton 26 marks	Werministr' 20 marks
Wyvelescumb 40 marks	Dynre 8 marks
Dunden 20 marks	Barton 12 marks
Hywys and Brente 40*l.*	Holecumb 4 marks
St. Decuman 50 marks	Scaudeford 20 marks

The prebends when vacant not to be sold for less than the above, but for more if possible.

In accordance with the statute of the council of Mainz that all holders of an ecclesiastical benefice should assist to restore the church roof and repair the churches when necessary, all and singular the canons to contribute one tenth of their prebends for five years for that purpose according to the assessment of Norwich, namely on the morrow of the Annunciation at the beginning of 1299, the morrow of Michaelmas following, and so from year to year.

These statutes to be observed, saving the power of the dean and chapter to interpret and amend. Proclaimed in chapter on Wednesday the morrow of St. Matthias 1298: when the dean cited John de Bathonia, John de Schrivenham, John de Sancto Edwardo, John de Congresbyri, Jordan de Wittenye and William de Westbyri to appear within fifteen days and keep their residence, because of long absence.

R.I. ff. 215-20: II. ff. 19-23. See Reynolds, pp. 59-68, and App. E., p. 127: and compare his lists of the prebends pp. 69-72 and 97-9.

(ff. 221-2, wanting).

Confirmation by King Edward [I] of the great charter of liberties and the charter of the forest made in the time of King Henry [III], with orders to publish the same; and renunciation of all aids, tasks and prises saving those anciently due, and all customs saving that on wool, hides and leather formerly granted him. Tested by Edward the king's son at London, the morrow of St. Edward K. 25 Edward I. (*French*).

R.I. f. 223. (See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. 123-4).

Pardon by Edward the king's son, with the assent of Richard bishop of London, William bishop of Ely, Henry [archbishop] elect of York, and the council, to Humphrey de Boun earl of Hereford and Essex constable of England and Roger Bygot earl of Norfolk marshal of England, for all offences committed by them, John de Ferers and their company.

R.I. f. 223*d.*

Great charter of Henry III; second reissue, with some variations, including the grant of a fifteenth, and the date, London, 6 November 2 Henry III.

R.I. ff. 224-226. (See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. Charters of Liberties, pp. 17-19).

The charter of the forest, with some abbreviations and variations, including the grant of a fifteenth, and omitting the date.

R.I. ff. 226*d.*-228. (See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. Charters of Liberties, pp. 20-21).

Sentence of excommunication, dated id. May 1253, in the great hall of Westminster, against all transgressing the great charter and the charter of the forest, or publishing statutes contrary thereto ; passed in presence and with assent of King H[enry III], Richard earl of Cornwall, R. earl of Norfolk and Suffolk marshal of England, Humphrey earl of Hereford, R. (*H.) earl of Oxford, J. earl of Warenne (*of Warwick), by W. (*B.) archbishop of Canterbury and primate, F. bishop of London, H. bishop of Ely, R. bishop of Lincoln, W. bishop of Worcester, N. (*W.) bishop of Norwich, P. bishop of Hereford, W. bishop of Salisbury, W. bishop of Durham, R. bishop of Exeter, S. bishop of Carlisle, W. bishop of Bath, L. bishop of Rochester, T. (*Th.) bishop of St. Davids.

R.I. f. 228 : III. f. 249*d.*, where the readings marked * are found. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I., p. 6, where the date is iii id. May ; Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 26.

The provisions of Merton, dated the morrow of St. Vincent 20 Henry [III], with some variations.

R.I. ff. 228*d.*-230. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I., pp. 1-4.

Statute of Windsor, concerning the extra day in leap year, dated 9 May 44 Henry III.

R.I. f. 230. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. p. 7, where the date is 9 May 40 Henry III, with the variant 4 June 54 Henry III.

Dictum of Kenilworth (*Statuta de Kenyngworth*), dated *pridie kal.* November 1267 (*sic*) 51 Henry III, with numerous variations.

R.I. ff. 230-2. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. pp. 12-17.

The statute of Marlborough, dated the octave of St. Martin 1267, with variations.

R.I. ff. 232-5. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. pp. 19-25.

The statute of Westminster, dated the morrow of the close of Easter at the first general parliament after the coronation of Edward I, with variations ; incomplete, ending in the middle of the 18th clause.

R.I. ff. 235-8. See *Statutes of the Realm*, I. pp. 26-31.

Indenture of the official of John bishop of Bath and Wells, dated 9 April 1377 at his visitation, of ornaments belonging to the chantry at the altar of St. Martin in the cathedral of St. Andrew Wells for Ralph late bishop of Bath and Wells and John de Somerton formerly abbot of Muchelnye, found in the custody of Sir William Purchas otherwise Palmere the chantry priest, namely one missal with notes, one chalice gilt, 3 pairs of vestments etc., 3 pairs of corporals with 3 cases woven of silk, 3 pairs of towels for the altar, 2 napkins, 2 stoles, one candlestick of tin, one pyx for the Eucharist covered with silk, another of wood to put the bread in, one pax painted on panel, and one coffer bound with iron to keep the same in.

R.I. f. 238*d.*

Induction and installation by proxy of Master John Silvestre *alias* Codeford doctor of laws as prebendary of Cumba *quartadecima* 9 July 1379, by Master William Camel precentor then presiding at Wells: canon Thomas Munt' proctor. Present: Master John Wareyn and John Hope canons of Wells, W. Craas.

R.I. f. 239.

Petition of William *de Camera* canon of Wells to the president and chapter, in the dean's absence, being desirous to reside but having no house, for licence to keep his residence in the hired lodging of Margaret Moners.

R.I. f. 239.

Memorandum that on the morrow of the Conversion of St. Paul 1383, about the first hour, in the lodging and in presence of William de Camel precentor of Wells, Sir John de Wyke rector of Bowrcler in Winchester diocese and vicar of the prebendal stall of Clyve resigned his vicarage to Sir William de Camel formerly vicar of that church, on condition that should he be ousted from the said rectory without fault of his own he should return to his vicarage notwithstanding such resignation. Subsequently the said William appeared before the dean and chapter, and at the request of John bishop of Bath and Wells, in presence of the dean, the precentor, canon John Hope, and Walter Craas notary public, was immediately inducted.

The same day the dean and chapter admitted John Elcombe clerk to the vicarage of the prebendal stall of Tymbrescombe upon the presentation of Thomas Hynton treasurer and prebendary of Tymbrescombe.

R.I. f. 239*d*.

Allotment by John bishop of Bath and Wells to William Camel vicar in Wells, so long as he be a vicar, of a chamber in the new vicars' close on the east side, vacant by the death of John Rodeneye vicar. Dated Woky, 3 June 1382.

R.I. f. 239*d*.

Inspeximus and exemplification by King Edward [III], tested at Westminster 18 November 17 his reign, of the record of proceedings before William de Shareshull and Simon de Furneux, justices assigned to hear and determine certain matters in county Somerset. Commission, tested at Claryndon 18 July 17 his reign, to Hugh de Courteneye earl of Devon, Thomas de Berkele, the said William and Simon, and William de Chiltenham (reciting the plaint of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells against John le Kyng, Thomas le Saltere, Stephen de Wedmor, John Markaunt, Hugh de Somerton, Richard atte More, William Wynd, John Bradewell, John Or', Stephen le Somenor, Walter de Middelton and John his brother, William de Cheleworth, Henry Martel, Walter de Compton, Richard le Eyr, Walter Braseyetere, John Gunnild (Gunyld),

William Jurdan the younger, Robert de Lovyngton, John de Cote, John le Ropere, William de Excestre skinner, John le Eyr, Adam le Nywmaister, John le Lange dyer, John Frankeleyn, John le Lange barber, and Thomas Chaloner, for conspiring with other disturbers of the peace to obstruct his view of frankpledge twice a year, his hundred court every three weeks, his court of his men and tenants as lord of the town of Wells, wherein he had cognisance of pleas, such as contracts, covenants and trespasses within the town, and his four fairs a year granted by royal charters, for setting up a new court of their own authority to be held every eight days, and causing his tenants to implead one another therein, whereby he lost 100 marks, for rescuing the distraints levied by his ministers for customs and services, assaulting his servants, confederating to maintain such trespasses, and imprisoning his men who refused to confederate with them) to hear and determine the said trespasses and conspiracies: by virtue whereof summonses were issued to them to appear at Batheneston on Thursday after St. Bartholomew, also to eighteen jurors. Pleas there on that date: the bishop (by John de Cumbe his attorney) pleads his right to hold the above mentioned courts from time immemorial, fairs, etc., and the trespasses of defendants as above. Defendants do not appear. Names of mainpernors, who are in mercy: John brother of Walter de Middelton and John le Lange barber have nothing whereby to attach them. Order to distrain the rest, and to have them before the justices on the Beheading of St. John Baptist, and to take the said John and John. Inquisition on Thursday aforesaid by oath of Geoffrey atte Grene, Geoffrey Harsrigge, Roger Carvyle, John Franceis, Nicholas Frankeleyn, John Sampson, Robert de Fersshforde, John de Burys, Robert Peyt, William de Berwyk', William le Vynor, William le Ryght, who say that Guy de Astyngton, John Gille webber, Walter Sparke, Richard de Carpetree (Harpetre), William le Lodere, Walter de Mulverton, John de Wynchestre tanner, Thomas de Brydeport, Jordan le Bakere, William Jurdain chaplain, Nicholas atte Wode chaplain, Nicholas de Crydyton tailor, Nicholas Garselade, William Styghele, Roger le Goldsmyth, Richard Curteys, John de Sobberi webber, Adam de Schipton, John Markaunt butcher, John son of Jordan le Bakere, John Garscoyne, John Horn of Wells dyer, John Muntz, John Wynmowe dyer, John Snyggere dyer, Nicholas Portere, John de Rollebury barber, William son of Hugh le Barbere, John Janne, Philip Seyes souter, John Frere toukere, John Huchon vintner and Robert de Forde, with John le Kyng and the others above named, made trespasses and conspiracies as in the commission suggested: wherefore summonses were issued to them to appear on the feast aforesaid. Pleas at the same place on the Beheading of St. John Baptist: John le Kyng and the others above named in mercy for default; also with Guy de Astyngton and the others they were attached to answer the bishop's count, claiming his view of frankpledge after Michaelmas and after Hockeday, his hundred court, and his court as lord of the town of Wells twice a year, after the Purification and after Midsummer, and his fairs lasting from two days before to two days after St. Kalixtus, from

two days before to two days after St. Andrew, during the vigil and feast of the Invention of Holy Cross, and during the vigil and Nativity of St. John Baptist; and giving particulars of distraints levied by John de Cumbe and William de Coker, John Botiller and John Chamberleyn his ministers, and rescued by defendants, for fealty, a custom called tolcestre on every brewing, the profits of his fairs; the compulsion of Roger and Robert de Asschbury to plead in the new court, the assaults on John Goldwegge, Walter Pelyter, William atte Welle and Robert de Asschbury his servants, the imprisonment of Roger and Robert de Asschbury and John Bakere until they gave certain bonds; and claiming 3000*l.* damages. Defendants crave licence to imparl, but afterwards fail to appear; wherefore there is judgment for the bishop with damages. (Memorandum that the within written letters are in the king's Chancery; but only enrolled on the back of the record.)

R.I. ff. 240-3. See below, p. 262.

Inspeximus and exemplification by King Edward [III], tested at Westminster 20 November 17 Edward III, of the record of proceedings in the Chancery at Westminster in the quinzaine of Hilary 15 Edward III. Writ of *scire facias*, tested at Stanford 16 November 15 Edward III, addressed to the sheriff of Somerset (reciting the king's charter to the burgesses of Wells granting them quittance of toll, passage, pontage, quayage, tronage, picage, keverage, morage, murage, works of castles, houses, walls, dykes, causeways, bridges etc., the right to elect a mayor, bailiffs, a constable of the peace, and coroners, to have a gaol and the custody of prisoners within the borough liberty, the return and execution of writs and summonses, so that no sheriff or officer should enter or meddle therein, that all pleas within the borough and liberty, whether of land therein or of trespasses, contracts and covenants, should be held before the mayor and bailiffs, that they should not be put on assizes, juries or inquisitions with foreigners, unless the same concern the king or his heirs, and power to enclose the town with a wall and moat and to crenellate the same) ordering the said burgesses to appear in the Chancery in the quinzaine of Hilary to shew cause why the charter should not be revoked. Return to the same by John de Glastyngbury and Henry le Smyth. The burgesses appear, by Adam de Derlyngton clerk and Guy de Astyngton their attorneys. John de Clone, for the king, alleges manifest error in the issue of the charter, namely the omission of an inquisition *ad quod damnum*; also that the bishop of Bath and Wells holds the town in chief in right of his bishopric, and all the burgesses are his tenants, many by knight service; that the above quittances are to the king's loss, the right of electing a mayor etc. can only be enjoyed by tenants of the crown, and that the said quittances would either exclude the king from the royalties of the whole county or transfer the charge to others; also that the bishop enjoys certain liberties in the town by grant of the crown, namely his hundred court every three weeks, with cognisance of pleas, fairs, markets, tolls, infangthef and outfangthef, fines and amercements, as appears by the account of Nicholas Fernbant

during the vacancy of the see after the death of bishop William de Marchia, who answered for 96*l.*; that the burgesses are bound to the bishop yearly in 100 marks, and pay him a composition rent for the issues of the liberties, which should fall to the king during a vacancy, and therein the charter was to the king's loss and the bishop's prejudice; also that the king's gaol for Somerset is at Somerton, and the keeper should have custody of all prisoners within the county, and pays yearly 24*l.*, part of which farm would be lost; also that the bishop has the return and execution of writs and summonses concerning his liberty, so that he answered for 18*s.* for forfeitures in one sheriff's account, which profit would be lost, to the prejudice of the king and the bishop: wherefore he craves the revocation of the charter. The burgesses say that they have been quit of the toll, works etc. above mentioned from time immemorial; as to the election of mayor etc., the return and execution of writs and summonses, and the other liberties granted them (except the custody of the gaol), the profits thereof are casual matters and not yearly, and cannot fall within an extent, wherefore the king of the plenitude of his power and for their fine can grant the same without inquisition *ad quod damnum*, as he has often done; as to the custody of the gaol, that is a charge and not an advantage, for they would be answerable to the king for the profits. The said John (for the king) replies that there is no mention in the charter that they are in possession of the quittances above mentioned, nor is it alleged in the burgesses' answer that they have ever been allowed in the king's courts, and their claim is so wide that no proof is possible; as to the election of mayor etc. the return of writs etc. and other liberties (except the gaol), that the burgesses do not deny that the charter without any process went forward to the prejudice of the crown and others, that even casualties can be estimated, and the usual process should have been observed, as is clear by the omission of the clause *ex certa scientia sua* from the charter; as to the gaol, that the loss of profit from Somerton gaol is not denied, nor the prejudice to the farmer of it. A day is set in Easter term, when the said John produces a certificate of the Exchequer that, during the last vacancy of the bishopric from 10 May to 22 July 3 Edward III, John de Clyvedon and Gilbert de Berwyk guardians of the temporalities accounted for 4*l.* 3*s.* 1¼*d.* of the issues of the borough; an inquisition finding that the bishop is lord of the town, holding it of the king in chief, part in demesne, part in services and rents, and has therein divers liberties and customs, some by royal charter, others by ancient use, by reason whereof he takes divers issues and profits, which the king should take during a vacancy, and these would be lost if the charter hold good; moreover the grant that they should not be put upon juries etc. with foreigners would give them a cause as well of slaying, as of indicting and arresting strangers. A day is set in the octave of Michaelmas, when the court holds upon the evidence that the charter was to the prejudice of the king, the bishop and others, and judgment is given that it be revoked and annulled, with an order to the sheriff to publish the fact, and distrain the burgesses to bring up the same to the Chancery to be cancelled, which was accordingly done.

(Memorandum that the within written letters are in the Chancery among writs of 17 Edward III, but only enrolled on the back of the record).

R.I. ff. 243*d.*-246. See Placita in Cancellaria, No. 11; and compare *Year Books* (Rolls Series) 16 Edward III, i. pp. 108-121 and *Introd.* lxxvii–lxxxii.

Bond of Richard le Eyr steward of the guild of Wells, Thomas de Testwode, Thomas le Saltere and the whole commonalty of the town to the dean and chapter in 20 casks of wine, to be paid at Wells, 10 on Sunday after Christmas and 10 on Sunday after Trinity. Dated Wells, Thursday after Michaelmas 10 Edward III.

R.I. f. 246*d.*

Note of a fine between John de Alre and Agnes his wife deforciants and Peter dean of Wells, of common in Saltmore, 18 Henry III: from that date to 10 Richard II is 151 years.

R.I. f. 246*d.* See above, p. 11.

18 September 1360. Before William Cammel subdean of Wells, Master Richard de Carleton, Master Stephen de Hulle, Master John Hywyssh and Master John Power canons constituting the chapter, in presence of nearly all the vicars, the subdean (as chief of the chapter in the dean's absence) commanded the vicars upon their oath to certify him whether Stephen Ferror a vicar probationer who had stood for a year and more in the church were a fit person to be made perpetual vicar; and they after secret deliberation certified that the said Stephen had knowledge of chanting and reading, but had so borne himself in manners and conditions that he ought to be altogether rejected from his vicarage and from their company: wherefore by consent of the said canons the subdean removed him.

R.I. f. 247.

17 November the same year. Before William de Cammel subdean, Master John de Horsyngton chancellor, Master Hugh de Monyngton, Master John Hywyssh, Master John Aunger and Master William Cokham canons of Wells, nearly all the vicars appeared, and presented to the chapter John Jene a vicar novice, who had stood in the church during a year and more of probation, and deposed that he was a fit person to be made perpetual vicar; wherefore the subdean (as chief or president of the chapter in the dean's absence) made him a perpetual vicar, first administering the oath.

R.I. f. 247.

Letter [from the chapter to the dean, in margin] acknowledging letters of the king on his behalf addressed to them, and requesting him not to pursue an answer until they could consult together at his coming to Wells. Dated Wells, 22 November.

R.I. f. 247.

30 November the same year. Admission by W. Cammel subdean and the chapter, in the dean's absence, of John Wodenam to the vicarage of the prebendal stall of Tanton, upon the presentation of Master Adam Trewelove proctor of Master John Lugwardyn prebendary thereof.

R.I. f. 247.

3 December the same year. William Cammel subdean, by consent of the chapter, admitted John Benet as sacrist of Wells, and he was sworn, Thomas Nywman being surety: the canons protested they would only receive him at dinner as a guest until the dean's arrival.

R.I. f. 247.

Form of citation by the president and chapter of Wells to the canons and prebendaries (the offices of dean and subdean being vacant) to be present at a special chapter to elect a dean after the death of dean John, licence having been obtained from Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells.

R.I. f. 248.

Licence of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the chapter of Wells to elect a dean after the death of dean John de Carleton. Dated his manor of Wyvelescombe, vi kal. September 1361.

R.I. f. 248.

Mandate of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the president of the chapter of Wells (the offices of dean and subdean being vacant) to install William de Cammel rector of Pokelchurch in a canonry of Wells and the prebend of Comba *quinta*, void by the resignation of Edmund Gournay the precentor, upon the bishop's collation. Dated his manor of Wyvelescomb, x kal. September 1361.

R.I. f. 248.

Similar mandate to install Edmund Gournay precentor of Wells in the prebend of Wormynsterre, void by the death of Richard de Rodeneye. Dated Wyvelescomb, x kal. September 1361.

R.I. f. 248.

Similar mandate to install John de Pulle rector of Hemyngton in the prebend of Wedmor *quinta*, void by the resignation of William de Camel. Dated Wyvelescomb, 1 September 1361.

R.I. f. 248*d*.

Similar mandate to install Walter de Aldebury rector of Honespulle in the prebend of Comba *quartadecima*, void by the death of Poncius de Verreriis. Dated Wyvelescombe, x kal. September 1361.

R.I. f. 248*d*.

Writ of privy seal recommending to the chapter of Wells Master William de Loughteburgh doctor in laws for election as dean by reason his great fitness and renown for learning. Dated at the abbey of Beaulieu, 6 September.

R.I. f. 248*d.*

Reply of the chapter that they were bound to elect a person known among them and profitable to their church, and they have already done so, having power from the canons not present to elect one of their own body and no other. Dated in chapter, 28 September [1361 ?].

R.I. f. 248*d.*

Mandate of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the president of the chapter of Wells to induct William Whyte acolyte to the vicarage of Wermynstre prebend in that church, void by the resignation of Robert atte Sloo, the collation whereof belonged to the bishop by reason of the vacancy of that prebend. Dated Wyvelescomb, 14 September 1361.

R.I. f. 249.

Monition in writing by John de Horsyngton chancellor of Wells and president of the chapter, at the election of a dean after the death of dean John de Carleton, to all under suspension, excommunication or interdict or other disability to withdraw.

R.I. f. 249.

Presentation by John Beneyt canon of Wells and prebendary of Combe *terciadecima,* addressed to the dean and chapter, of William Janne clerk to the vicarage of his stall. Dated Shaftesbury, 10 September 1361.

R.I. f. 249.

Similar presentation by Robert atte Sloo canon and prebendary of Wedmore *quarta* of Nicholas Spicer of Bridport clerk to the vicarage of his stall. Dated Wyvelescombe, 6 October 1361.

R.I. f. 249.

Citation by John de Horsyngton chancellor of Wells president and the chapter (the offices of dean and subdean being vacant) to canon Adam de Hilton prebendary of Cumba *duodecima,* to be present at a chapter on Wednesday the morrow of All Souls in order to elect a dean, the bishop's licence having been obtained, in consequence of the refusal of William de Cammel, whom they elected dean after the death of dean John. Dated Wells, 13 October 1361.

R.I. f. 249*d.*

Notification dated 5 November the same year to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells by John de Horsyngton chancellor and president of Wells (the offices of dean and subdean being vacant) of the

induction and installation of John Power archdeacon of Bath in the prebend of Doultecote, void by the death of Michael de Drokenesford, upon the bishop's collation, and in accordance with his mandate dated Wyvelescomb, 11 October 1361.

R.I. f. 249*d*.

Monition by John de Horsyngton chancellor and president, at the election of a dean, to all persons under any disability to withdraw.

R.I. f. 249*d*.

Form of solemn adjuration at the election of a dean after the death of John de Carleton.

R.I. f. 249*d*.

Mandate of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the president of the dean's jurisdiction without the city and suburb of Wells to induct Robert de Edyngdon priest to the vicarage of Westbury upon the bishop's collation and institution. Dated Wyvelescombe, 5 November 1361.

R.I. f. 250.

Proxy by John de Horsyngton chancellor and president of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Nettelton and Master Adam Trewelove canons, to require the consent of Master Stephen Pympel dean elect. Dated the chapter house Wells, 3 November 1361.

R.I. f. 250.

Letter of credence by John de Horsyngton chancellor and president of Wells and the chapter, addressed to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells or his commissary, in favour of Master Stephen de Hulle and Thomas Bray two of their number deputed to inform him of the election of Master Stephen Pympel canon of Wells as dean, and all the circumstances. Dated the chapter house Wells, 4 November 1361.

R.I. f. 250.

Presentation by Stephen de Pympel dean of Wells, addressed to bishop Ralph, of John Brounyng priest to the vicarage of Wedmor. Dated Exeter, 15 December 1361.

R.I. f. 250.

Notification by John de Horsyngton chancellor and president of Wells and the chapter to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells of the election of Master Stephen Pympel one of their congregation as dean; with proxy to canons Robert de Nettelton, John Sydenhale and William Derby to obtain the bishop's confirmation. Dated the chapter house Wells, 4 November 1361.

R I. f. 250.

Mandate of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the president and chapter of Wells (the deanery being vacant) to induct Nicholas Golston priest to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Hengestrigge, void by the death of Ralph Tomer, whom the bishop has instituted upon the presentation of Master Simon de Sudburia prebendary of Hengestrigge. Dated Wyvelescombe, 11 November 1361.

R.I. f. 250*d*.

Form of lease or assignment to farm by the dean and chapter to one of the canons, so long as he be a canon, at a yearly cess.

R.I. f. 250*d*.

Mandate of Simon archbishop of Canterbury primate and papal legate to Master Robert de Netelton canon of Wells, his official guardian of spiritualities and vicar general in the cities and diocese of Bath and Wells during the vacancy of that see, upon complaint of John the prior, Adam de Cristmalleford subprior, John Brok precentor, Robert Lake sacrist, Walter de Alyngton almoner, Nicholas de Bath' fourth prior and the chapter of Bath, to revoke within six days an ecclesiastical censure against them, published by the prebendal official of Chyw (pretending to be his commissary but having no such power) as special commissary of the archdeacon of Bath and deans of Bath and Redeclive, in letters dated Wells, xv kal. January 1363, addressed to the rectors, vicars and chaplains of the said city and deaneries, denouncing upon them a sentence of excommunication and suspension, for disobedience to his monition to seal and forward to the chapter of Wells a decree of the election of Walter de Monyngton abbot of Glastonbury as bishop of Bath and Wells; otherwise citing the said official and his pretended commissary to appear before him twenty one days later; and annulling the decree of election before mentioned as altogether outside their jurisdiction. Dated Ch[a]ringges, v id. January 1363.

R.I. f. 251.

Memorandum that 15 December 1366 in the chapter house of Wells it was proposed between the dean and the chapter that all proceedings relating to the recent admission of John Beuchamp as a vicar in Wells and his suspension be annulled, in order that the statutes and customs of the church be saved in their former estate, and the boy come and renounce his right. And on the morrow the said John came and resigned his vicarage.

R.I. f. 251*d*.

Petition of the chapter of Wells to Pope Urban [V] to expedite the business and return of Master Stephen Pempel bachelor in arts and doctor in civil law, who has been elected dean and confirmed by their diocesan, for that his absence in consequence of a controverted election is a grievous loss to them.

R.I. f. 252.

Indenture between Stephen Pempel dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Hugh de Remygton and Maud his wife on the other, whereby the dean and chapter, by reason of the ruinous state of the houses by the western steps in the churchyard of St. Andrew in the borough of Wells, which the said Hugh and Maud hold to them and their heirs and dwell in, and the cost of repairing and in great part rebuilding the same, remit the arrears of a yearly sum of 16*s.* which they have received of the said houses from time immemorial under the will of Ralph de Lullyngton, to be divided among the poor by their communar; granting them during their lives to pay instead 10*s.* to the communar, namely 2*s.* 6*d.* a quarter, to be so divided, with power of entry to distrain. Dated the chapter house Wells, Saturday St. Matthew (38 ?) Edward III.

R.I. f. 252.

Manumission by the chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence abroad) of John Chaumbre, son of John Chaumbre the elder, their neif. Dated the chapter house Wells, v kal. November 1364.

Similar manumission of William Chaumbre, the same date.

R.I. f. 252*d.*

Indenture whereby the dean and chapter of Wells grant to John Webbe and Agnes Lene his wife for their lives a tenement with curtilage in Torlane, between that late of Peter Legh on the north and that of John Budde on the south, at a yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly, with warranty. Witnesses: J. atte Stone, J. Kyng, J. Deneman, J. Waryn, W. Erl, Walter Bole, Cok, Masson. Dated Wells, Sunday the Translation of St. Thomas M. 37 Edward III.

R.I. f. 252*d.*

Indenture made 1 February 64 (*sic*) between the chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence abroad) and Master William Wyneforde mason (*lathamus*) granting to the said William for life a messuage in Wells in Byestewall street, wherein William de Schepton late vicar dwelt, at the yearly rent of one rose at Midsummer; and granting him also a yearly pension of 40*s.* for life payable quarterly, and every day he shall be in the city of Wells engaged upon the fabric of the church 6*d.* payable by the warden of the fabric: in consideration whereof the said William was sworn in the chapter house to be their good and faithful servitor for term of his life, to oversee the fabric and the workmen thereupon. Dated the chapter house Wells, as above.

R.I. f. 252*d.*

Collation and institution by the chapter of Wells (in the absence abroad of Stephen Pempel the dean) of Sir W. Moder clerk to the perpetual chantry at the altar of holy rood in their church, lately held by Sir Ralph de Carleton chaplain. Dated v id. April 65 (*sic*).

R.I. f. 253.

General letter of credence by the chapter of Wells (in the absence abroad of Master Stephen de Penpel the dean) in favour of Richard Holebrok their cursitor general in the provinces of Canterbury and York. Dated v id. April 65 (*sic*).

R.I. f. 253.

Presentation of R. de B. priest by the president and chapter to John bishop of Bath and Wells for institution to the vicarage of Burnham. Dated iv id. July 64 (*sic*).

R.I. f. 253.

Proceedings on vi kal. October 1365 in the chapter house of Wells. Present: Master Stephen Penpel dean, William Cammel precentor, John de Horssyngton chancellor etc.

Ordered that moneys in arrear during the vacancy of the deanery after the death of J. de Carleton be levied by the dean's ministers.

That order be taken by the subdean touching the pension payable by Berlynch priory, and how much is due.

That the arrears of the ancient payment of Worspryng be postponed, and it be fully paid in future.

That the dean in person speak with the officials of the archdeaconries of Wells and Tanton for two thirds of the fruits of vacant benefices.

The dean promised to speak with their attorney in the king's court, and will provide another if he is not more diligent in future.

That Robert Dunyngton, executor of Thomas Avebury, answer for the pension due from the church of Norton under Hamedon while the said Thomas held it.

That the rector of Westludeford of the dean's jurisdiction be summoned before him touching the pension.

That order be taken concerning the farm of Bidesham which William Odecumbe has surrendered.

Memorandum that the amercement made by Sir Richard Acton is yet in suspense.

That the charter of John atte Ya farmer of Okhamton be inspected to see why he retains 6*s*. of his rent.

That a pyx be made at the tomb of bishop Ralph with two locks and keys, one of which J. Lumbard shall keep and R. Brere the other: the oblations to be put in a box in the treasury with two locks and keys of which the subdean shall keep one and T. Bockyng' the other, and be applied to making a new frontal for the high altar, and afterwards as the dean and chapter shall order.

That the steward have one key of the oblation chests against the master of the fabric.

That the treasure of the church be put in a chest in the treasury with two locks and keys, of which the precentor shall keep one and the communar the other.

That the houses in Torrelane which Hugh de Monyngton held be offered to canons waiting for canons' houses.

That the dean endeavour to rebuild Knapp mill, and appropriate houses for the obit of Walter de Compton and Joan Mogge.

By consent of William de Odecumbe, ordered that he pay in future to the communar 2*s.* cause money (?) and 6*s.* of the chantry of Milton, but arrears before Michaelmas are remitted.

That the communar pay for repairing the house of the church school.

That the bailiff of Cory be under the control of the steward, and come before the dean to answer.

That Philip the subtreasurer be granted the oblations at the cross of St. Mary's chapel for 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, so that he be sworn to inform the chapter of the amount.

That 100*l.* be allowed of the profits of the church manors for the coming year to stock the manor of Cory with cows and swine.

That inquisition be made concerning the truth of the earl of Salisbury's drift in Cory marsh; and whether there should be a ditch between the earl's soil and that of the church.

That Walter de Cory pay 6*s.* 8*d.* to the fabric of the church for carrying oaks from Stoke park, and come before the steward at the next court at Cory to give security for good behaviour, and to receive a monition from the dean. To this he consents.

That the bishop's executors pay 10*l.* bequeathed to the church, as they are ready to do, and consider whether they will deliver up a new cross, or pay the value of the old one the bishop had.

That no common of pasture be granted to the tenants of Hamme until the king's charter of Cory be inspected and further considered.

That Sir John Aunger's plaint against Richard for the right to redeem the custody of the son and heir of Lawrence de Combe be hastened.

That the chantry of John de Godele be celebrated according to the ordinance.

That Ralph de Carleton chaplain be summoned to answer for a chalice and missal missing at the altar of holy rood during his time.

R.I. ff. 253-4.

Letter from the bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells desiring them to seal certain agreements made between Ralph his immediate predecessor and Robert de Cheddre. Dated London, 6 November.

R.I. f. 254.

Memorandum that on the feast of St. Luke 1366 Harnald Brocas was inducted to the prebend of St. Decuman, upon an exchange with Bernard Brocas for the chapel of Wyppestrode, Winchester diocese.

The same day Master Robert Romeston of Corffe was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Wytchurch (late of Thomas de Edyngton) instead of the office of dean in the conventual church of Shaftesbury which the said Robert formerly held.

On St. Simon and St. Jude the same year, Sir John de Crykkelade was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Lutton (late of John Blebyry) by exchange for a portion of the predial tithes of Northangre in the parish of Kingescler.

R.I. f. 254.

Indenture of appointment and grant by Stephen de Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter, with the consent of William Lullok (Lailloc) chaplain and Margaret Moniers executors of Walter de Compton burgess of Wells deceased, in consideration of his bequests of 6 marks yearly rent of a burgage and shop in the high street of the town held by Henry Bouedich and Joan his wife for their lives, one rose rent of the moiety of a winecellar thereto belonging held by Margery late wife of the said Walter for life, 1*d*. rent of the other moiety held for a term by John le Ropere, with the reversion of the whole, a shop adjoining thereto held at will by Henry Bouedich at a rent of one mark, and 10*s*. issuing from another burgage in the said town by Jacobes Welle held by Alice Croceres for life, with the reversion thereof, of which 10*s*. the wardens of the church of St. Cuthbert shall receive yearly 4*s*., so that a perpetual vicar chaplain shall celebrate daily at the altar of St. Stephen in their church for the said Walter, his kinsfolk and benefactors, bishop John, and Margery the widow, and receive yearly 4 marks ; that 2 marks shall be divided at his obit on iii id. January among the canons and vicars present, whereof the sacrist shall have 8*d*. for sounding the gong and the treasurer 12*d*. for five lights ; and that the dean (or in his absence the subdean or next chief parson in the church) shall yearly collate such chaplain on the morrow of Michaelmas, subject to the bishop's distraint upon motion of the wardens of St. Cuthbert's for neglect. Dated the chapter house Wells, Sunday after St. Gregory P. 1366.

R.I. f. 254*d*. . repeated f. 279*d*.

Memorandum that 5 November 69 (*sic*), at a meeting of Stephen Penpel the dean, William Cammel the precentor, John Horsyngton the chancellor, Nicholas Pontesbury the subdean etc. in the church of Wells, it was agreed that for twenty four years the feast of St. Martin had not been kept as a double feast, and for some years omitted; and resolved upon the motion of Master Robert Stonore that it be not kept as a double feast in future.

At the same place and date Robert Samborne canon was elected steward of the chapter, and Sir John Wareyn noimnated to oversee Sir John Hulle master of the works and his workmen.

R.I. f. 255.

Two days later William Cammel was granted by the dean and chapter the burying place he had chosen; and 6 November Sir Thomas Curteys vicar was elected communar with John Tyntenylle as assistant, and both sworn.

It was ordered that any canon sent abroad for church business during his residence be content with his daily portion for expenses, and the allowance of the time so spent.

R.I. f. 255.

Memorandum that 21 February 1369 Master Walter Boketon canon of Chichester, proctor of Simon cardinal priest of St. Sixtus, was inducted and installed by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells in the prebend of the archdeaconry of Wells, by grace of Pope Urban

V., and sworn, in presence of John Horsyngton chancellor, John Benet, Master Thomas Bockyng' canons, William Benet, John Hulle, John Tyntenhulle vicars.

R.I. f. 255.

Master Thomas Porter doctor of civil law the bishop's official was sworn in chapter notwithstanding his former oath, by reason that he demised or lost the prebend he formerly held.

iv non. March, Sir Roger Holme was inducted to the provostship of Wells by John Stourton clerk his proctor, who was installed and sworn.

R.I. f. 255.

Account of Nicholas de Pontesbury and Thomas Bockyng', guardians of the proventions from the chest of Ralph late Bishop of Bath and Wells, up to 1 March 1368.

Received of John Lumbard and Richard Brere guardians thereof up to St. Kalixtus 66 (*sic*) 88*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, and from that date to Pentecost after 15*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* by one tally; and of John Lombard, William Cammel, Simon Ercheffont and Richard Carleton guardians to 1 March aforesaid 148*l.* 17*s.* Total (beside money paid for wax) 252*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*

Paid to John Hulle master of the works 34*l.* 4*s.* 5½*d.* by one tally, 12*l.* by tally: advanced to him by order of chapter 14*l.* by tally, and 100*s.* by tally. Total 65*l.* 4*s.* 5½d. Balance due 186*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.*

Afterwards they were charged by the auditors (John de Horsyngton chancellor, Nicholas Iforde, Richard de Carleton and Robert Samborn) with 74*l.* 12*s.* by a tally found with those above mentioned by John Wareyn and others executors of Sir John Lombard, bearing the names of Nicholas Pontesbury and Thomas Bockyng' in the hand of the said Thomas, as he acknowledged formally in chapter: with 22*l.* 5*s.* received of John Spalding vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells, which Bockyng' acknowledged: and with 30*l.* received of John Aunger—making the sum due 313*l.* 14*s.* 7½*d.*, whereof in gold and silver in the treasury 186*l.* 18*s.* 9*d.*: due 126*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.*, of which 9*l.* delivered to Thomas Bockyng' for making bells: balance 117*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.*

Memorandum that the dean mainprised for 265*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* in the treasury, in presence of the precentor, the chancellor and John Waryn.

Memorandum that 5 March 1368, in presence of the dean, the precentor, the chancellor, John Power archdeacon of Bath, Nicholas Iforde, Richard Carleton, Thomas Bray, Thomas Madefray, Roger Blakedon, John Benet, Robert Samborne, William Odecumbe, John Waryn, Nicholas Pontesbury and Thomas Bockyng' constituting the chapter, Robert Samborne, Nicholas Iforde, Richard Carleton and William Odecumbe auditors reported that the said receivers were justly charged with three tallies made by John Lombard against them, and Bockyng' acknowledged the same to be in his hand, but said that the first tally was covered by one of the others, though no man living knew of the fact but himself and one of his servants; and at the exchequer Nicholas

Pontesbury said he was present in the chamber of William Cammel the precentor's lodging when Thomas Bockyng' made a schedule (*bulla*) of the bishop's obligations between himself and the precentor, but Thomas contradicted him.

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The same day the dean and chapter directed the auditors to proceed with the account.

Memorandum that Master Thomas Bockyng' has to answer for 13*s.* 11½*d.*, for 301 quarters of tin less 1*lb.*, value 4*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*, and for 42 stone of copper at 14*lb.* the stone, in all 528*lb.* (*sic*) value 7*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, for one brass pot of the gift of John Hulle, and one basin of the gift of John Tyntenhull. Total in money due 11*l.* 18*s.* 5½*d.*

Further he is charged with 9*l.* delivered by his auditors towards making bells.

R.I. ff. 255-6.

Indenture made 18 April 40 Edward III between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Hugh Caucy of Northcory on the other, being the defeasance of a bond given by the said Hugh in 100*l.* payable at Midsummer and St. Peter *ad vincula* next, upon condition he pay their costs and damages in a suit in the king's court by reason of his unlawfully hunting in the warren of their manor of Northcory, as he publicly acknowledged in the chapter house; and provided he shew some title to fish in the waters of Tone or other waters within their said manor, and a decree of Henry de Persay in his favour, or else make amends for so doing.

R.I. f. 256: III. f. 212.

Proxy by Stephen de Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Thomas de Schepton doctor of laws and Master John War[eyn] learned in the law to represent them in a parliament at Westminster in the quinzaine of Michaelmas. Dated the chapter house Wells, 7 October 72 (*sic*).

R.I. f. 256*d.*

Indenture of Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter granting to Master Thomas de Schepton rector of Melles for life a messuage cottage and curtilage in Wells in the street called Tor Lane by the gate called Toryet, between the watercourse on the south and a messuage held of them by Robert le Honte on the north, as fully as Walter Rosesone held the same, at a yearly rent of 16*s.* payable quarterly to their escheator, with a proviso that when a canon's house shall be provided for the said Thomas he shall immediately surrender this to the dean and chapter, seeing that it has never been a canon's house. Witnesses: Master John de Horsynton chancellor, Master Richard Carleton, Master Nicholas Ford (Iforde) canons of Wells, John le Ropere, Nicholas Crysteham burgesses. Dated the chapter house Wells, 6 July 1372.

R.I. f. 256*d.*: repeated f. 264*d.*

Proceedings 12 October 1372 in the audit chamber over a gate on the west side of the cloister at Wells, in presence of Thomas Bockyng notary public, Stephen Penpel dean, William Cammel precentor, John Horsyngton chancellor, Richard Carleton, Thomas Bray, John Aunger, William Odecumbe, Thomas Madefray, Thomas Bockyng', John Benet canons, touching the bishop's procuration for reconciling the church after pollution by shedding of blood: Sir Philip Erdesleygh (the alleged cause of the pollution) and Sir Richard Brere vicars therein promised to content the communar by Michaelmas next for the sum necessary, and the dean (by consent) condemned them therein. Immediately after, on a question of the appointment of a new subtreasurer, the dean protested that he had no intent by such appointment to prejudice the treasurer or his dignity. On the morrow Sir Thomas Curteys the communar, in presence of the said Master John Horsyngton and Master John Aunger, after the reconciliation of the church, delivered 100*s.* in gold to the said Philip and Richard as a loan from the chapter, and they accepted the same to be paid as aforesaid. Done in the church by the font. Attested by Thomas Bockyng notary.

R.I. f. 257.

Collation by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter of William Mey priest to the free chapel of St. Mary the Virgin in the churchyard of Northcory, void by the death of John de Stanwygg. Dated Wells in chapter, 12 January 1372.

R.I. f. 257*d.*

4 November, Sir John Aunger and Sir John Jeny were condemned in 20*l.* at the exchequer before Master Stephen Penpel the dean and the chapter, to be paid by instalments.

R.I. f. 257*d.*

Memorandum that 20 December 72 (*sic*) Sir Richard Tryvethyk [entry incomplete.]

R.I. f. 258.

Bond of Hugh Caucy of Northcory to the dean and chapter of Wells in 100*l.* Dated Wells, 17 April 40 Edward III.

R.I. f. 258.

Order dated in chapter 14 January, present: Stephen Penpel dean, William Camel precentor, John de Horsyngton chancellor, Nicholas Iforde, Richard de Carleton, Thomas Bray, William Odecumbe, John Aunger, Thomas Bockyng', John Wareyn and John Benet, that 10*l.* be paid to the bishop towards making a cut (*cissura*) at Redeclyve, so that it be not made a precedent.

Also that the steward ride at Cory to see and report what damage the tenants there have suffered by a new purchase of lands.

R.I. f. 258.

Special proxy by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Thomas Schepton, Master John War[eyn], and Master Robert Samborn canons to represent them in convocation before William archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate on 30 May in the church of St. Paul London. Dated Wells, 20 May 1373.

R.I. f. 258.

Fine levied at Westminster in the quinzaine of Michaelmas 24 Edward III, and recorded in the octave of Trinity 26 Edward III, between William de Luttulton, Stephen de Hull and John de Huwyssch plaintiffs and Robert Gyene of Northcory and Christina his wife deforciants, of a messuage and mill, one carucate of land and 4 acres of meadow in Northcory, which Thomas de Sowy held for life of the inheritance of the said Robert, assuring the reversion to plaintiffs and the heirs of the said Stephen, with warranty, in consideration of 100 marks.

R.I. f. 258*d*: III. f. 43. (Somerset Record Soc. xvii., p. 17).

1 October 1375, met in the chapter house of Wells William Cammel precentor, John Horsyngton chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, William Cokham succentor, John Aunger, Richard Carleton, Robert Stonore, Thomas Spert and John Wareyn canons and computed their days with the communar to Michaelmas. John Hulle, vicar of Master Stephen Pynpel the dean, presented a paper to them on his behalf with a memorandum that he was at Wells until the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas M., and after in London for defence of the deanery and church until 1 August, and travelling to Wells until the Beheading of St. John Baptist, then at Wells until now except six days at Modesleigh; and after deliberation he was allowed the time at Wells, thirty-five days and no more.

The same day Master Thomas Spert was granted the fruits of the prebend of Wyveliscombe, void by the death of [ ], for one year for 51*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

R.I. f. 259. The last name left blank.

Presentation by Stephen dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to John bishop of Bath and Wells, of Sir John Palton chaplain to the chantry of Henry Husee formerly dean in the church of Wells. Dated the chapter house Wells, 3 October 1375.

Similar presentation of Sir John Wode chaplain to the same chantry. Same date.

R.I. f. 259.

1 October the same year at Woky, Sir John Horn rector of Weston supra Mare made oath and promise, laying his hand in that of John de Harewell bishop of Bath and Wells, that he would pay to the church of Wells a yearly pension of 100*lb.* of wax due from his church, in presence of William Cammel precentor, John de Horsyngton chancellor, John Waryn canon of Wells.

R.I. f. 259*d*.

12 August 1375. Profession of obedience to the bishop of Bath and Wells, read and sealed in the chapel of the manor of Woky near the city of Wells before bishop John, by John Chynnok monk and abbot elect of the monastery of St. Mary Glastonbury, in presence of Master Robert Sloo, Master William Wolleye, Master William Hetheryngton, and Master Thomas Benet notaries public. Certified by Robert de Welisborn notary public of the diocese of Worcester.

R.I. f. 259*d*.

Memorandum that 13 October the same year Roger Glost' chaplain of the diocese of Exeter appeared in the chapter house of Wells before Master Th[omas] Byngham subdean, Master William Cammel precentor, Master John de Horsyngton chancellor, Richard Carleton, William Cokham, John Waryn and other canons assembled, and alleged that the vicarage of the prebendal stall of Luskeuill had so long been void that the collation devolved upon the dean and chapter, and that Stephen Penpel the dean had promised him the same subject, to the consent of the chapter. Whereupon the chapter consented, and having caused him to be examined by a vicar, directed him to take his place in the church for a fortnight in his vicar's habit at the usual hours on probation of fitness as to chanting and reading, after which time he was presented to be unfit ; wherefore he put off his habit and withdrew by their leave.

R.I. f. 260.

Memorandum that the dean was at Wells until the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas M., then at London for defence of the deanery and church until 1 August, then at London and on the road to Wells until the Beheading of St. John Baptist, then at Wells until now, except six days when at Modeslegh.

Memorandum that Master Stephen Penpel the dean is allowed only thirty-five days when he was actually at Wells. Present in the chapter house, W. Cammel precentor, J. de Horsyngton chancellor, T. Byngham subdean, W. Cokham succentor, J. Aunger, R. Carleton R. Stonore, J. Wareyn, T. Spert constituting the chapter, 1 October the same year.

R.I. f. 260.

Memorandum that Stephen Penpel the dean left town (*devillavit*) for London on Thursday before St. Simon and St. Jude the same year, and returned April 1.

R.I. f. 260.

Appointment by the president and chapter of Wells (in the absence of the dean) of John Waryn canon of Wells as steward to oversee all their manors and the bailiffs and other ministers thereof, to hold courts, hundred courts and halmotes etc. as pertains to that office, with proviso that in the sale of lands he shall grant to no one the custom called *gestum*, or the great trees of their groves. Dated the chapter house Wells, 4 December 1375.

R.I. f. 260*d*.

Similar appointment of John Waryn as steward, without the above proviso. Dated the chapter house Wells, 18 January 1375.

R.I. f. 260*d*.

Public protest or proposition read in chapter and confirmed by an oath 10 January 1375 by John Warin canon of Wells, in virtue of a special proxy given him for the purpose by Master Thomas de Byngham the subdean, Master Richard Carlton, Master Robert Stonore, Master John Waryn, Master Thomas Mount, Master Thomas Bockyngg' and Master Robert Samborne canons constituting the chapter, that the controversy between John bishop of Bath and Wells and Master Stephen Penpel pretended dean of Wells, pursued by the said dean in the court of Canterbury, was not begun by their consent or for the good of their church, but for the advantage of the said Stephen ; also that they will be prepared to content the said Stephen concerning his commons and other profits due to him as to any other dignitary of the church so soon as he will come to the city and church of Wells there to perform his residence according to the custom thereof; and that this protest shall be affixed to the door of the church, that it may be made known to him and others whom it concerns. In presence of Master William Wolleye and Richard Horsforde clerks notaries public of the dioceses of Salisbury and Exeter. Certified by Thomas Benet clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public, and by William de Wolleye.

R.I. f. 260*d*.

Mandate by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to John Waryn, Thomas Mount, and Edmund de Sancto Laudo canons, John Taunton, William and Thomas Newman vicars to make inquisition and certify touching dilapidations to the manse or canon's houses in Canons' Street by the canons' grange on the east side, lately held by John Aunger canon and now assigned to Master Thomas Bockyng' canon as the senior resident without such a house, upon a complaint by the said Thomas, for the repair of which dilapidations the said John was responsible in his life time and now his executors, and how long the said John dwelt therein, what sums he received for repairs, how much he applied to improvements, what implements should be left to his successor etc. Dated the chapter house Wells, 16 January 1375.

R.I. f. 261*d*.

Indenture made at Wells on Sunday after the Epiphany 1375 between Master Thomas Byngham subdean of Wells and the chapter (in the dean's absence) on the one part, and Master Richard de Carlton canon on the other, granting to the said Richard for life the farm of Burnham church with all emoluments save the advowson of the vicarage, at a yearly rent of 24*l*. payable quarterly from Christmas next ; and the said Richard shall new build one grange and one granary at the end thereof, and have housebote

in their grove at Bykenalre, sufficient reeds for the first thatching, and an allowance of 10*l*. Dated the chapter house Wells, 13 January.

R.I. f. 261*d*.: repeated f. 264.

Mandate by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to John Warin canon, Philip Erdeslegh, Thomas Newman vicars, and Master Richard Horsforde notary public to make inquisition and certify touching dilapidations upon the farm of the church of Stokegommer with the chapel of Bykenalre, late held by John Aunger and now assigned to Master Thomas Bockyng' as senior resident who has no such farm, especially in the chancels, books and church ornaments. Dated the chapter house Wells, 16 January 1375.

R.I. f. 262.

Licence granted by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to Master Thomas de Bockyng' canon to found a chantry of a daily mass at the altar of St. John in their church, to be celebrated by one of the vicars, beginning immediately after the gospel of high mass, and an obit in the choir yearly *pridie id. Decemb.* during his life and afterwards on the day of his death, and to be buried under the great belfry before the image of St. Andrew, in consideration of a costly gradual and a chalice of silver gilt weighing about 40*s*., reserving the use thereof to him during his life. Dated the chapter house Wells, 8 December 1375.

R.I. f. 262.

Assignment by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to Master Thomas Bockyng' canon and prebendary, having no farm and being the first canon expectant to complete his residence, of the farm of the church of Stokegommere, void by the death of John Aunger canon, at a yearly rent of 26*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. beginning at Christmas 1375.

R.I. f. 262*d*.

Assignment by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to Master Thomas Bockyng' canon and prebendary, having no canon's house and being the first canon expectant to complete his residence, of the canon's houses by the canons' grange on the east, void by the death of John Aunger, at a yearly rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. Dated the chapter house Wells, Monday the eve of Christmas 1375.

R.I. f. 262*d*.

Assignment by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter to Master William Cokham canon, having no canon's house and being the first canon expectant to complete his residence, of the canon's house wherein Master Nicholas de Iforde dwelt during his life in the city of Wells with a great gate new built, paying

yearly 10*s*. for the houses, and for the gate etc. [ ]*s*. 8*d*. to the warden of the work. Dated the chapter house Wells, 13 January 1375.

R.I. f. 262*d*.

Assignment by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to Master William de Cokham canon, as the senior resident having no farm and having completed his residence, of the farm of Congaresbury church, void by the death of Master John Power canon, to possess so long as he shall be a canon, paying 30*l*. annual cess through the communar, to begin at Christmas next. Dated the chapter house Wells, 13 January 1375.

R.I. f. 263.

Special proxy by the chapter of Wells to Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon of Wells to levy of the prebend of Wyvelescombe two thirds of the fruits for the current year, or the value thereof (belonging to them by ancient custom upon the voidance of any prebend by death even before they are garnered) upon information that Robert Carswell *alias* Craswell canon of Wells and prebendary thereof died on the [ ] day of [ ] 1375 before the autumn fruits of that year were garnered, and to take all necessary proceedings. Dated the chapter house Wells, 30 January 1376.

R.I. f. 263.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells cathedral, addressed to the king, in favour of Master Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon of Wells, to appear as their representative in a parliament to be holden at Westminster in the quinzaine of Hilary. Dated the chapter house Wells, 12 January 1376.

R.I. f. 263.

Proxy by the chapter, addressed to Simon archbishop of Canterbury, in favour of Thomas Spert, to appear for them at a council on the morrow of the Purification in the church of St. Paul London. Dated the chapter house Wells, 12 January 1376.

R.I. f. 263*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 5 the same month and year, of the appropriation of the rectory of Stoke by John bishop of Bath and Wells to the provost and brethren of Stoke under Hamedon in the parish of Stoke, made by reason of the poverty of the chapel and their debt, to compose the continual discords between them and the vicars of Stoke concerning tithes and obventions, and at the petition of Dame Alice de Bello Campo; and of the consolidation therewith of the vicarage, already in their patronage, with cure of souls, upon the death or cession of Sir Thomas Horn now vicar, with provision that they shall have a secular parish chaplain to dwell there, or one of their canons to serve the ministry and sacraments of the church, also for yearly payment of 3*s*. 4*d*. to the

bishop and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the dean and chapter of Wells on St. Andrew's day; dated Woky, 1 October 1375.

R.I. f. 263*d.*

Indenture, made in the chapter house Wells on Wednesday after the Annunciation 1376, between Master Thomas Byngham subdean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Sir John Bockyngg' vicar and prior of the priory of St. Mary's chapel in the same on the other part, granting to the said John and his successors priors of the said chapel one toft or void piece of ground formerly built on, situate in Chamberlaynstret at Wells on the north side of the street, between the messuage held of the church of Wells by John Blanecomb on the west and that of William White on the east, which before its fall used to pay 10*s.* towards finding two torches to serve in the said chapel at the elevation of the Lord's body, to hold when it shall have been rebuilt at the cost of the said John by a rent of 10*s.* for 40 years.

R.I. f. 264*d.*

Proxy by the chapter of Wells to Master Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon of Wells to appear for them in a parliament to be holden at Westminster in the quinzaine of Michaelmas next. Dated the chapter house Wells, 1 October 1377.

R.I. f. 264*d.*

Commission by the president and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas Spert doctor of laws their brother and official of the bishop of Bath and Wells, upon a proposed exchange between William Mey priest of the free chapel or chantry of St. Mary in the churchyard of Northcory of their collation and Sir John Porter rector of Ellewrth in the same diocese, to hear and approve the reasons for such exchange, to accept the resignation of William Mey, to admit and collate Sir John Porter, to demand his induction, and to receive his oath of obedience. Dated the chapter house Wells, 30 September, 1377.

R.I. f. 265.

Grant by the president and chapter of Wells to John Wareyn canon of Wells at his petition of a burying place in the cathedral on the north side of the image of the Virgin Mary by the entrance to the choir. Dated the chapter house, 31 October 1377.

R.I. f. 265.

Collation by the president and chapter of Wells of Sir John Seward priest to the chantry at the altar of Corpus Christi under the belfry of the church of Wells, founded for the soul of William de Welyngton formerly canon of Wells. Dated the chapter house Wells, 30 September 1378.

R.I. f. 265.

Extract from the will of John le Roper, bequeathing to the dean and chapter of Wells 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly rent of a tenement held by

Roger le Webbe and Margery his wife for life in Gropelane and the reversion thereof, on condition that they keep yearly his obit in the church of St. Andrew on the feast of St. Edmund K., if it may safely be, or otherwise his executors shall sell the same and deliver the money to the dean and chapter for that purpose; also to the vicars of the common hall of the church of St. Andrew, to increase their estate, a tenement in Gropelane called the backhouse, if it may safely be, or otherwise his executors shall sell the same and pay the money to the said vicars to pray for his soul; also 10*s.* yearly rent of a shop held of him for life by Edith Flaghes (Flaghis) and the reversion thereof to the dean and chapter and their successors to find two torches yearly to serve at the morning mass in the church of St. Andrew, if it may safely be, or otherwise his executors shall sell the same and the money be converted to that purpose.

R.I. f. 265.

Grant by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) that in consideration of the rents and tenements devised by the will of John le Ropere of Wells merchant (as above, here fully recited) all the said charges shall be maintained according to his said will. Dated the chapter house Wells, 12 July 1380.

R.I. f. 265*d.*

Inspeximus and confirmation by the president and chapter of Wells, dated 1 September the same year, of an indenture made at Lutton on Sunday after St. Peter *ad vincula* 4 Richard II, between Richard Harewell canon of Wells and prebendary of Lutton and Roger Harewell his father and general proctor on the one part, and John Hauk' of Henton, Ellen his wife and John their son on the other part, demising a messuage called Uphynnesplace at Grendon of the lordship of Lutton with lands etc. and a croft called Shepescroft to John, Ellen and John for their lives at a yearly rent of 13*s.* payable to the said Richard and his successors in the said prebend, and for the said croft 5*s.* for all demands save foreign services, suits of court every three [weeks] and heriots; with covenant that they shall build a hall with a chamber upon the said tenement within three years, and shall immediately dwell therein during their lives on pain of forfeiture; witnessed by John Knyght, John Veysy John Strowde, Robert Wynd, Adam Roche.

R.I. f. 266.

Sale and conveyance by Petronilla who was wife of John le Ropere of Wells merchant, Nicholas Cristesham and John Blythe burgesses of Wells, executors of the said John Ropere, to Thomas Mount, John Waryn, Walter Hethenand canons, John Tyntenhull, Thomas Nywman and John Barynton vicars in the church of St. Andrew, of 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly rent of a tenement in Gropelane held by Roger le Webbe for life with the reversion thereof, a tenement called Bakhous, and 10*s.* rent of a shop in the high street held by Edith Flaghces for life with reversion thereof, by the said will devised to pious uses. Witnesses: Thomas Tanner, Henry

Bouedych Robert Compe, Thomas Phelpes, Richard Ferror, Walter Halyete, John Taillor. Dated Wells, Thursday after the Translation of St. Thomas M. 3 Richard II.

R.I. f. 266.

Indenture of the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) granting to Peter Barton canon of Wells for life a messuage, cottage and curtilage in Torlane Wells, near Toryete, between the watercourse on the south and a messuage late of Robert le Honte on the north, as fully as Walter Rosesone held it, at a yearly rent of 16*s*. payable quarterly to their escheator; with proviso for surrender thereof so soon as the said Peter shall obtain a canon's house. Witnesses: Master William Cammel precentor, Master John de Horsyngton chancellor, Master William Cokham succentor, Richard Carleton, Thomas Spert, William Odecombe, Thomas Mount, John Waryn, Walter Wyncalton, William Chambre canons, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Tannere, Henry Boudych burgesses of Wells. Dated the chapter house, 10 September 1380.

R.I. f. 266*d*.

Memorandum that a dispute having arisen between Edmund Saylowe and Richard Spycer canons, they submitted to the award of the chapter; and their award was that the said Richard should tender to the said Edmund 100 marks, whereof the said Edmund should have 20 marks or two casks of wine, and the residue remain in suspense for the said Richard's good behaviour.

R.I. f. 266*d*.

Memorandum that 2 February 1378 Master Stephen de Pempel late dean of Wells died in the dean's lodging in the city of Wells, and was privately buried on 3 February in the church before the altar of St. Stephen, certain canons and vicars being present with others his domestics and intimates (*secreciores*).

Commission by the president and chapter (the deanery being void by his death) to Sir Thomas Nywman and Sir John Barynton vicars to sequestrate all rents, proventions and ecclesiastical goods within the deanery and in the dean's manse, which belong by prescription to the chapter during a vacancy. Dated the chapter house Wells, St. Blaise 1378.

R.I. f. 267.

Commission by the president and chapter of Wells (during the vacancy of the deanery) to Richard Carleton canon of Wells to take possession of the deanery in their name, collect the rents and proventions, and appoint officials, since the custody of the deanery and receipt of emoluments in spiritualities and temporalities belongs to the chapter. Dated the chapter house Wells, 4 February 1378.

R.I. f. 267.

Receipt given by the president and chapter of Wells to Sir John Tentenhull vicar there and the other executors of Sir John Spaldyng late vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells, executor of Walter de London formerly dean of Wells, for 20*l.* wherein the said dean was bound to them. Dated the chapter house Wells, Monday after St. Lawrence 4 Richard II.

R.I. f. 267*d.*

Licence granted by John bishop of Bath and Wells to the chapter of Wells to elect a dean after the death of Stephen Penpel. Dated London, 11 February 1378.

R.I. f. 267*d.*

Citation by William de Cammel precentor of Wells (president of the chapter in the vacancy of the deanery) and the chapter to the absent canons, William abbot of Muchelney (Ilmystre), Arnald Brokays (St. Decuman), John (?) Harwill (Lutton), Robert Sloo (Cumbe *secunda*), Thomas Bray (Cumbe *quarta*), John Brankton or Bramton (Cumbe *sexta*), John Milward (Cumbe *decima*), Roger Holme (Cumbe *duodecima*), John Welborne (Cumbe *quintadecima*), John Grene (Milverton *secunda*), Robert Samborne (Wedmor *tercia*), William Cokham (Wedmor *quarta*), John Balton (Wedmor *quinta*), Thomas Aston (Dynre), Richard Spycer (Harpetre) Roger Harwill (Dundene), Thomas Salter (Wermistre or Werministre), the abbot of Athelney (Sutton), to be present on 22 February to elect a dean after the death of Stephen Penpel. Dated the chapter house Wells, ii id. February 1378.

R.I. f. 267*d.* Richard Harewell prebendary of Litton occurs 1366-1390.

Summons to the bishop of Bath and Wells to be present at a parliament to be holden at Northampton on Monday after All Saints, with notice to the prior and chapter of Bath, the dean and chapter of Wells, the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese, the prior, dean and archdeacons to attend in person, each chapter to send one proctor, and the clergy two. Tested at Westminster, 26 August 4 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 268.

Election of a dean. 12 February 1378. In presence of William Cammel precentor of Wells and president of the chapter (the deanery being vacant), John de Horsyngton chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, William de Cookham succentor, Richard Carleton, William de Odecombe, Thomas Spert, John Waryn, Walter Hethenam and John Hope canons in the chapter house assembled, and of the underwritten [Richard Horsford clerk, Exeter diocese] and Robert de Wellesborn notaries public, Robert Turney, John Wycombe and John Welcombe literate persons, the 22 February next was fixed for the election of a dean to the deanery, void by the death of Stephen de Penpel, and a summons issued to the canons absent.

On which day, after mass of the Holy Ghost celebrated at the high altar, William de Cammel precentor, John de Horsyngton chancellor, Thomas de Byngham subdean, William de Cooham (*sic*) succentor, Richard Carleton, William de Odecombe, Thomas Spert, Robert Stonere, John Waryn, Robert abbot of Athelney, Robert Samborne, Thomas Mount, Thomas Bockyng', Richard Spycer, Walter [Hevenan],* Edmund Seylo, Thomas Salter, John Mulward and John Hope canons being present in chapter, after the word of God had been preached by Master Thomas Spert, the hymn '*Veni creator spiritus*' sung, the bishop's licence (with a green seal) read, also the citation to canons absent, and the chapter's letters patent published openly in the church on 13 February before the stalls of the canons absent in presence of the said chancellor, notaries, Sir Thomas Newman, and Sir Philip de Yerdesleygh vicars, first on one side of the choir then on the other, and left upon the high altar, containing a notice of the day fixed for the election and a peremptory citation to be present, addressed to the canons abovenamed, and also to John Slefford, Thomas Sobbury (Hengestrygg), Andrew Baret (Scaudeford), John Shyllyngforde (Wandestr'), William Borstal (Cumbe *prima*), Roger Payn (Cumbe *quinta*), John Blancherd (Cumbe *decima*), Edmund Seylo (Cumbe *terciadecima*), Thomas Strete (Cumbe *quartadecima*), John Colyngtre (Wedmor *secunda*), Thomas Horn (Tymberescombe), William Chambere (Ayshulle), Peter de Barton (Haselber'), Thomas Schepton (Tanton), Thomas Alston [†Halston] (Bocland), Roger Typerton (Cory). After which fourteen canons appeared by proxy, namely John Blaunchard, John Shyllynford, Thomas Sobbury, Roger Holm, Robert Sloo, Arnold Brokas, Peter Barton, Thomas Strete, Thomas Alston and William Chambre, [‡John Sloforde, John Grene: interlineation] by Master Thomas Spert, John Braunkton by William Odecumbe, and Philip Welborne by Richard Carleton, and nineteen in person; and the proxies being examined and approved, the president after preconisation declared the rest absent by contumacy, and that they would proceed with the election: also a monition and protestation, at the mandate of all present, to any under disability to withdraw. Next the constitution of the general council *De formis electionum*, beginning *Quia propter*, was read and explained by Master Thomas Spert, and when he had commenced the third head, namely the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, all and singular the canons present and the proctors of those absent, without any intervening discourse concerning the election of any person, but on a sudden (as appeared to the notary aforesaid) inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, with one voice, one heart and one mind unanimously before the sixth hour elected Sir John Fordam [†priest], and singing the *Te deum* walked in procession [‡to the high altar] where Master Thomas Spert publicly proclaimed the election in the vulgar tongue. After which, returning to the chapter house, the chapter appointed Master Thomas Spert, Master Robert Sloo and John Grene canons their proctors to announce his election to the dean elect and obtain

* Partly erased; Hethenand f. 269.
† Written over an erasure. ‡ Interlineation.

his assent, and the confirmation of the bishop or his commissary. In presence of Master Robert de Wellysborne, Master William Wollay notaries public, John de Wycum and John de Welcumbe; attested by Richard Horsford.

R.I. ff. 268*d*.-271. Compare the treatise of Lawrence de Somercotes, printed in Bradshaw and Wordsworth's *Lincoln Cathedral Statutes*, II. pt. ii. pp. cxxv. *sqq*.

Writ of inhibition against any attempt to prejudice the king's appointment of William Langbrook to the office of treasurer in the cathedral of Wells by proceedings in the papal court, sequestration, or otherwise. Tested at Westminster, 6 March 12 Richard [II].

R.I.. bound in between ff. 268-9 and ff. 276-7. See Pat 1386, *Cal.*

Petition of William de Cammel precentor and president of the chapter of Wells and the chapter to John bishop of Bath and Wells to confirm the election of John Fordam as dean, reciting the death of Stephen de Penpel on 2 February 1378, his burial on February 3, all the proceedings taken in the said election, and the assent of the dean elect. Dated the chapter house Wells, 4 march the same year, in presence of Master William Wollay and John Ayschwyl clerks notaries public, John Wycumbe and John Wellcumbe clerks; and attested by Richard de Horsford clerk of Exeter diocese notary public.

Among the canons named are Walter Hethenand, Edmund Saynlo, Roger Holm provost, and John Branton. Those who did not appear in person or by proxy were the prebendaries of Mulverton *prima* and Clyve, William Borstal (Cumba *prima*), Robert Bays (Cumba *tercia*), Roger Payn (Cumba *quinta*), Richard Drayton (Cumba *nona*), John Colyntre (Wedmor *secunda*), Thomas Schepton (Tauntton), the archdeacon of Wells (Huwyssch and Brente), Roger Tybryghton (Cory), William abbot of Muchelneye (Ilmistre), Thomas Bray (Cumba *quarta*), and Thomas Aston (Dynre).

R.I. ff. 271*d*.-272*d*.

Certificate of Thomas Mount canon of Wells and William Wollay rector of Porteshed, commissioners appointed by John bishop of Bath and Wells (commission dated London, 12 March 1378), upon the complaint of John de Fordham dean of Wells, to make inquisition touching dilapidations left by Master Stephen Penpel the last dean; that they had personally visited all the manors belonging to the deanery, and made inquisition by Sir William Louerryng, Sir Philip Yerdeligh, Sir John Barynton, Sir Thomas Martyn vicars in Wells, Sir Richard Scalon vicar of Woky, Sir John Adam chaplain of the parochial chapel of Merk, William Modeslegh, Richard Klych, Henry atte Stone, Richard Pontisside, and Henry Hogges laymen jurors, in regard to the manors of More, Merke, Tottenaye, Wedmor and Modesligh, who say that the cost of repairs in the houses granges etc. of More will be not less than 10*l*., in the chancel of Merke chapel and the chaplain's manse 8*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., of a windmill burnt down at Tottenay 20*l*., a grange burnt down 46*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., in other buildings at Tottenay 18*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*., in Wedmor

in granges, bovaries, chambers, garners, bridges, two mills, four enclosures and walls, and two brewhouses, two dairy houses at Hokemede and Lacheham, and one sheepfold at Wateligh 35*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, in houses, granges, bovaries, stables, ancient chapel etc. in Modesligh 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, of the enclosure of garden and wall round fish ponds therein 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, enclosure etc. of Modesligh park 40*l.*, of a fishery house at Rodwere 40*s.*, of dikes and rhines throughout the dean's lordship 17*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* : also next day by the said clerks, William Modesligh and Richard Klych and also John Taylor, Walter Haliot and Thomas Orrom laymen jurors, at the dean's lodging in the city of Wells, who say that the cost of repairs in the said lodging etc. will be not less than 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and assess the demolition of walls and gates of a lodging contiguous and appropriated to the dean's said lodging at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Dated Wells, ii kal. April 79 (*sic*).

R.I. ff. 272*d.*-274.

Summons addressed to J. bishop of Bath and Wells to be present at a parliament at Westminster to be holden in the quinzaine of Easter, and to give notice to the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese, the dean, prior and archdeacons to attend, and each chapter to send one and the clergy two proctors. Tested at Westminster, 18 February 2 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 274.

Mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells to the chapter of Wells and the archdeacon of Tanton or his official (reciting a summons from Simon archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate to appear on 9 May next in the church of St. Paul London, prelates in person, chapters, colleges and convents by one proctor, and the clergy of the diocese by two) to appear according to the said summons, and to cite the clergy within the said archdeaconry to appear on Wednesday after *quasi modo* Sunday in the chapel of St. Mary within the cloister of Wells to elect two proctors as aforesaid. Dated Dogmersfeld, 8 April 1379.

R.I. f. 274 : repeated f. 276.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells cathedral to Master Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon of Wells to appear before the archbishop on 9 May in accordance with the above summons. Dated the chapter house Wells, 22 April 1379.

R.I. f. 274*d.*

Similar proxy to Master Thomas Spert to appear in parliament Same date.

R.I. f. 274*d.*

Letter of credence [addressed to the bishop, in margin] in favour of John de Stourton, whom they are sending to give information in a matter concerning the church of Wells and their adversaries of Northcory, and to pray his assistance.

R.I. f. 275.

Similar letter [addressed to the dean, in margin].

R.I. f. 275.

Collation by the president and chapter of Wells (in the absence of John de Fordham the dean) of Sir William Aylward chaplain to the perpetual chantry of the chapel of St. Mary of Northcory. Dated the chapter house Wells, Wednesday after St. James Ap. 1379.

R.I. f. 275.

Mandate of the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to their official of Northcory, to induct Sir William Aylward to the chantry above mentioned, upon their collation and institution. Same date.

R.I. f. 275.

Mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells to the precentor and chancellor of Wells cathedral to induct and install John de Fordham as dean of Wells, whose election the bishop has confirmed. Dated London, 9 March 1379.

R.I. f. 275*d*.

Letter of thanks from John de Fordham dean of Wells [to the chapter, in margin] desiring the continuance of their confidence and friendship. Dated London, 31 October.

R.I. f. 275*d*.

Letter of credence from the chapter of Wells [to the dean, in margin] in favour of John de Stourton as their messenger upon urgent business affecting their estate and the church of Wells, mentioning that they are writing also to the bishop.

R.I. f. 275*d*.

Summons addressed to J. bishop of Bath and Wells to be present at a parliament at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter, and to give notice (as before). Tested at Westminster 16 February 2 Richard II, by the king and council. (Barton).

R.I. f. 276.

Appointment by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) of Walter Hethenand canon of Wells as steward of their manors etc., with proviso against his granting the custom called *gestum* or great timber trees in the sale of lands. Dated the chapter house Wells, 21 November 1379.

R.I. f. 276*d*.

Letter from [the dean (?)] to the chapter, notifying that he has a grant from Master Thomas de Schepton their brother of his estate in a messuage in the city of Wells granted him by them subject to repairs, and desiring them to discharge the said Master Thomas,

and to confirm the estate of the writer therein, also to defer until Easter an inquisition of waste by writ of *nisi prius* against the said Thomas. Dated London, 13 December.

R.I. f. 276*d*.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells to Master Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon of Wells to appear on 4 February in the church of St. Paul London before Simon archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate or his commissary. Dated the chapter house Wells, 22 January 1379.

R.I. f. 277.

Commission and mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells to the abbots of Mochelneye and Athelyneye, the prior of Tanton, the vicars of Northcory, Taunton, Crych and Lenge, Sir Thomas Newman, Sir John Baryngton and Sir Philip de Erdeslegh vicars in Wells, and the chaplains of Stoke and Westhache chapels, with all solemnities to publish sentence of greater excommunication before Ascension day upon persons unknown who have fished and taken fish in the rivers and waters of Tone within the manor and parish of Northcory belonging to the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated Dogmeresfeld, ix kal. April 1379.

R.I. f. 277.

Presentation by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) of Sir William Preston priest to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells, void by the death of Sir John Spaldyng, and petition to John bishop of Bath and Wells for his institution. Dated the chapter house Wells, 22 April 1380.

R.I. f. 277*d*.

Memorandum that 10 January 1379 W. the precentor, J. Horssynton chancellor, T. Byngham subdean, W. Cokham succentor, R. Carleton etc. being present in chapter, T. Spert and T. Mount canons presented a proxy from Sir Robert Perlee clerk of the bishop of Winchester, and notified papal letters and process in favour of the said Robert, dated id. May 1 Pope Urban VI, touching a grace for a canonry and prebend in the church of Wells.

In the same chapter appeared Sir Robert Hauloo and presented similar papal letters of the same date.

The same day the president and chapter collated John Randolph to the vicarage of the stall of Cumba *nona*, Richard Drayton the prebendary thereof being absent over sea.

R.I. f. 277*d*.

Writ to the sheriff of Somerset directing him to give the dean and chapter of Wells their seisin of a messuage in Wells recovered by them against Master Thomas de Schepton clerk in an action for waste by a jury at Wells before Henry Percehay justice of the common pleas on Wednesday after the close of Easter. Tested by R. Dealknap (*sic*) at Westminster, 25 April 3 Richard II.

R.I. f. 278.

Indenture made 15 February 3 Richard II, reciting a dispute and pleas between the dean and chapter of Wells and Peter de Yevelton touching his claims to certain profits upon their land in their manors of Northcory, Westhache and Knappe county Somerset, namely hunting, fishing, fowling and common of pasture in all places therein, as belonging to his freehold of Mere held of them within the manor of Northcory, whereupon it was found by divers royal charters that the dean and chapter had warren in all their demesne lands, and by divers inquisitions that all fisheries in all rhines and waters within the said manors are their several fisheries, and all their lands, meadows and pastures therein are theirs in severalty at all times of the year from time immemorial, save that the said Peter and his ancestors had common of pasture pertaining to their freehold of Mere in certain places with the tenants of the dean and chapter, namely from the west side of the tenements of Robert Forde and John Pode of Westhache to the town of Northcory, and upon the moors called Seggmour, Stathmour, Corimour and Folkesmour at all times of the year, as other free tenants and neifs, and had *gestum* every year at Christmas of the dean and chapter in their chamber at Northcory; and so it was adjudged by the king's justices assigned to hear and determine such claims, and after, upon true examination by friends of the parties, it was found that such adjudication was true and just, wherefore the said Peter approves and confirms the same, saving his common and *gestum* as aforesaid (which the dean and chapter grant and confirm), and quitclaims all right in the said manors (save as aforesaid), and all actions real and personal. Witnesses: Henry Percehay, Thomas Fychet, John Lorty knights, Walter Clopton, Richard Sydenham, John Tomere, James fitz James, John Bevyn.

R.I. f. 278.

Receipt given by Thomas Spert to John Mahu for 100*s*. in part payment of 20 marks. Dated Wells, 10 [ ] 10 Richard [II.]

R.I. f. 278*d*. The month left blank.

Letter [of the bishop to the chapter of Wells, in margin] stating that he has heard that John de Fordham the true dean of Wells and Master Robert de Stratton pretending himself to be dean have, by the mediation of the duke of Lancaster and the archbishop of Canterbury, agreed together that the said R. should enjoy the deanery, desiring them to support the said John who was by them appointed, and not to accept any notification that he had freely resigned, because such resignation, even if made, had never been admitted by the writer. Dated Banewell, St. Stephen's day.

R.I. f. 279.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence), dated 3 October 1380, of a demise made by Roger Harewell the younger (son of Roger Harewell) canon of Wells and prebendary of Compton Dundene to Richard Stoweye burgess of Wells and Alice his wife, of one house of the houses of his canon's court in the city of Wells, held by the collation of John

bishop of Bath and Wells, situate between his great gate on the east and the tenement of John Splot on the west; also of a piece of land adjoining the same on the north and his grange on the south, as bounded in presence of Thomas Mount, John Waryng and Roger his father; also licence to build a weir or conduit for taking a portion of the water from the watercourse in his garden to the same, and thence beyond his grange and garden to the bishop's mill bank, to hold with ingress and egress to the high way for their lives and one year more at a yearly rent of 26*s.* 8*d.* payable quarterly, with warranty; witnessed by Henry Bowedych, Thomas Tannere, Nicholas Cristesham, Thomas Phelpes, John Knytz: and dated Wells, 30 September 1 Richard II.

R.I. f. 279.

Proxy dated 11 May 1379 by Master Robert de Stratton doctor of laws canon of York and papal prothonotary to Richard Chestyrfeld canon of York, Master Robert Braybrok archdeacon of Cornwall in the church of Exeter, Master Robert Bradegar canon of London, Master Robert Worhtham rector of Brysele in the diocese of Norwich, Master Henry Wyntyrton archdeacon of Essex in the church of London, Sir Peter Pawe vicar of Waldon in the diocese of London and Master Thomas Page clerk of Norwich diocese, to prosecute graces of Pope Urban VI touching any canonry, dignity, parsonage or office in any cathedral or collegiate church of England. Done at Rome, in the dwelling house of Master Robert de Stratton, in presence of Master John West and Sir Richard Howlot clerks of Worcester and London dioceses: attested by Walter de Harlyng clerk of Norwich diocese notary public.

R.I. f. 280.

Inspeximus and confirmation by William prior of St. Swithin Winchester and the convent, dated the morrow of St. Vincent M. 1290, of an *inspeximus* with grant of immunities in pursuance thereof in his manor of Tanton and elsewhere, by John bishop of Winchester, dated Suwerk by London, 16 May 18 Edward [I], of a charter of King Richard [I] giving to the church of St. Andrew Wells and to Reginald bishop of Bath and his successors his manor of Northcuri, the advowson of the church, the hundred, etc.; dated 27 November 1 Richard I.

R.I. f. 280*d.*: III. f. 27. (For the charter of King Richard see R.I. f. 9: III. f. 25, above p. 6)

Absolution granted by John bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Richard Spycer canon of Wells from a sentence of major excommunication incurred by him according to the canon for laying violent hands even to the shedding of blood upon Sir John Askeby and Sir Henry Colles chaplains, (which fault the said Richard acknowledges,) until it be possible to visit the see of Rome, with proviso that he make amends to the said priests, and give a bond upon oath to start on his journey within two months, and to present himself there as soon as possible, having regard to the distance and

the war which has broken out between England and France. Dated Banewell, 13 January 1380.

R.I. f. 281.

Grant by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to William de Odecumbe canon to be buried in the choir before the image of St. Peter, on the right of the tomb of Ralph late bishop of Bath and Wells, but in a humble place 10 feet distant therefrom southward, in consideration of his services and of his costly gifts to the church, namely one cope of Indian satin with images of the coronation and assumption of the Virgin woven in gold, with a gold button of great weight, and precious stones inserted, namely one ruby value 5 marks, three diamonds value 8 marks, 12 great pearls value 20*s.*; one red chasuble of satin woven with gold; one alb and amice with embroideries of the same suit; one stole and fanon (*fanulum*) of cloth of gold of another suit; two towels and two napkins of cunning work, one [ ] with napkin for the high altar, another for the altar of St. Mary behind the same to be used at high feasts. Dated the chapter house Wells, 6 April 1381.

R.I. f. 281.

List of the feasts to be kept as holidays (*ab operibus*), by decree of the archbishop and his suffragans. Sundays, to begin at the hour of vespers on Saturday (but not before, lest they seem partakers of the Jewish profession), and the same with feasts that have vigils; Christmas, St. Stephen, St. John, the Innocents, St. Thomas M., the Circumcision, Epiphany, Purification, St. Matthias, the Annunciation, Good Friday, Easter with the three following days, St. Mark, St. Philip and St. James, the Invention of Holy Cross, St. John *ante Portam Latinam*, the Ascension, Pentecost with the three following days, *Corpus Christi*, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, St. Peter and St. Paul, the Translation of St. Thomas M. (struck out by a later hand), St. Mary Magdalen, St. James Ap., the Assumption, St. Lawrence, St. Bartholomew, the Nativity of St. Mary, the Exaltation of Holy Cross, St. Matthew, St. Michael, St. Luke, St. Simon and St. Jude, All Saints, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, the Conception, St. Thomas Ap., the dedication and patron saint of parish churches.

R.I. f. 281*d.* (See the Constitution of Islip, Lyndwood, p. 101.)

Citation by Thomas Mount canon of Wells and Thomas Harewell, special commissaries of the dean, to the vicar of Cheddre to appear at their visitation on Wednesday after St. Dunstan in the church of Cheddre, with mandate to cite the farmer of the place and all chaplains celebrating divine service within the parish, and to produce their muniments and letters of orders. Dated Wells, Monday after St. Nereus and St. Achilles 1381.

R.I. f. 281*d.*

Indenture of gift made by Henry Parker vicar of Dultyng to John Fordham dean of Wells and the chapter, by consent of John abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to whom that

church is appropriated, of one acre of land which John Asch formerly held of him in a *cultura* called Estheyforlang in his parish of the vicarage glebe or portion, extending eastward between land of Robert atte Asch on the south and of Richard Mayne (tenants of the abbey) on the north, and from the road leading from Dultyng to Chevelynch on the west to land of Robert atte Asch, Walter Parker and Thomas Quarrior on the east, in length on the south side 15 perches 8 feet, on the north 16 perches, at the east head 9 perches 6 feet, at the west head 8 perches 4 feet, to hold of him and his successors for making a quarry to the use of the fabric of the church of Wells, at a yearly rent of 18*d.* at Easter, with power to enter one acre of meadow called the acre of the fabric of the said church in Wottynnesmede (Wottonysmede) to distrain for arrears. Witnesses: William (de) Cammel precentor, John de Horssynton chancellor, Master Thomas de Byngham subdean, Master Richard Carleton, Master Robert Stonor canons of Wells, John Paueys de Purrygg, Walter Fulbrok, John Babynton. Dated the chapter house Wells, Monday after St. George 1381.

R.I. f. 281*d.*: III. f. 270.

Indenture of demise by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence) to Thomas Jay burgess of Wells, Juliana his wife and Joan their daughter for their lives, of a toft or void piece of ground on the east side of an alley called Mullelane, between the house of John Pestel taverner on the south and of John Broun on the north, at a yearly rent of 20*s.* payable on 5 March for 14 years, and after that of 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly on the same day, with covenant that they shall within two years new build and thereafter maintain the same. Witnesses: Nicholas Cristesham, Henry Bouedich, Richard Ferror, John Broun, Richard Laundei clerk. Dated Wells, Monday after St. Martin 5 Richard II.

R.I. f. 282.

Grant, dated Woky 14 April 1382, by John bishop of Bath and Wells to John Hayward and Agnes his wife for their lives, of a tenement in Wells between that late of Master Nicholas de Bathonia on the south and that late of John Potag' on the south (*sic*), to hold freely, saving suit of the bishop's court twice in the year, at a yearly rent of 12*s.* payable quarterly.

Confirmation thereof by the president and chapter of Wells, dated 17 the same month and year, and by the prior and chapter of Bath, dated 26 the same month and year.

R.I. f. 282*d.*

Memorandum that on 5 May 1382 in the cathedral of Wells Master Adam Damport was admitted to a canonry and the prebend of Dynre in the person of Walter Cras his proctor, and installed and inducted by mandate of the bishop.

R.I. f. 282*d.*

Memorandum that 22 May 1382 Sir John de Middelton was similarly admitted to the prebend of Combe *prima* in the person of John Colchestre clerk.

R.I. f. 282*d.*

Note of the obit of Master John de Horsynton chancellor of Wells, prebendary of Compton Bishop and farmer of Cheddre.

R.I. f. 282*d*.

Bond of Robert de Cheddre of Bristol to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells in 200*l*. for a loan payable in the prebendal church of Wyvelescombe on Michaelmas day next. Dated Wyvelescombe, Tuesday after the Nativity of St. Mary 1362.

Memorandum that on Tuesday aforesaid Robert Cheddre in the guest chamber within the bishop's court at Wyvelescombe sealed the above bond, in presence of Walter de Aldebury, Robert atte Sloo canons of Wells, and R. de Tybryghton. (Signed) R. de Tybryghton, R. Sloo.

R.I. f. 283.

Sentence and monition of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, sitting in a chamber of his manor of Wyvelescombe 13 September 1362, (by Master Robert de Netelton his official, *organum vocis sue*,) upon the recognisance of Robert de Cheddre burgess of Bristol, executor of William Husee deceased, for a legacy of 200*l*. payable to the said bishop in the name of his church of Wells and to the said cathedral church on Michaelmas next following this instant Michaelmas; and licence in the meantime to endow a perpetual chantry in the parish church of Cheddre of the yearly value of 10 marks for King Edward, the bishop and the said executor, and for their souls, such endowment to be full satisfaction of the sum above mentioned. In presence of Walter de Aldebury, Roger de Whythchurche, Robert atte Sloo, William Banastre canons of Wells, Robert Cauntilo rector of Wynfryth, Simon Gydelond rector of Henton St. George, John Yrysch rector of Laurton, Nicholas Spycer, William Whyte vicars in Wells, Walter Temdebury burgess of Wells. Attested by Roger son of William de Tybryghton clerk of Coventry and Lichfield diocese notary public.

R.I. f. 283.

[*Heading to f.* 284:] Chapter Register compiled by Master Thomas Spert chancellor of Wells.

7 August 1382, in the chapter house Wells, William Cammel the precentor, by authority in writing of John Bishop of Bath and Wells, installed Master Thomas Spert as chancellor upon the said bishop's collation, the office being void by the death of John de Horsyndon, in presence of John Waryn canon of Wells, Thomas Elewelle, Philip Erdesleygh vicars thereof, Richard Laundy clerk.

R.I. f. 284.

8 August in the chapter house, W. Cammel, in presence of Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, William Cokham succentor, Thomas Mount, John Waryn, William Chambure canons constituting the chapter, presented to the church an antiphonary or legendary; also a cloth of gold which he had of the gift of the countess of Kent, an embroidered amice, two pieces of red bokeram and borders, and an orphrey bequeathed by bishop

Ralph, all to make a cope, promising to make the same at his own cost provided it be reserved for his own use during his life. Also he made excuse upon oath (*fide media*) touching a statement inserted in the register in the chancellorship of John Horsyngton, that John Aunger late canon and steward to the chapter handed to the said William Cammel 20*l.* of the money arising at the tomb of bishop Ralph, which oath or excuse was accepted by the chapter.

R.I. f. 284.

9 August. Thomas Spert doctor of laws canon and prebendary of Wyvelescomb in the chapter house, in presence of William de Cammel the precentor, president, Thomas de Byngham doctor in theology subdean, William de Cokham succentor, William Odecomb, Thomas de Bokkyng', John Wareyn, William Chaumbre constituting the chapter, as senior resident who had no farm, received the farm of Wyhtchurch, void by the death of Richard de Carlton canon.

R.I. f. 284.

22 August in chapter John Wareyn, as proctor of Master Richard Spicer canon, received the canon's house void by the death of Master Robert Stonere canon, the said Richard being the senior resident who had no such house.

R.I. f. 284.

23 August. Master Richard Spicer in chapter himself received the said house.

R.I. f. 284*d.*

The same day the president and chapter assigned to Thomas Mount the church of Burnham to farm for the sum paid by Master Richard Carlton, upon condition that when any farm be due to him in rotation he shall either pass it over or resign Burnham at his option.

R.I. f. 284*d.*

Memorandum that 1 October 1366 Richard Harewell clerk was admitted canon by Master Thomas Spert president of the chapter, and installed in the prebend of Lutton.

R.I. f. 284*d.*

Licence granted by Thomas de Sudburia doctor of laws dean of Wells and the chapter to Thomas Tark' vicar of the prebendal stall of Jatton for seven years' non-residence, provided he spend the time in study at the university of Oxford, and provide at his own cost the service of a chaplain in the priest's office, as the said prebend requires. Dated the chapter house Wells, 2 January 1384.

R.I. f. 285*d.*

Record of proceedings by John Russell attorney for the dean and chapter of Wells against Walter Hamme vicar of St. Cuthbert

Wells, to recover arrears of a yearly rent of 20 marks to them due in right of their church of St. Andrew from time immemorial, namely 46*s.* 8*d.* at Easter, 40*s.* at Midsummer, 66*s.* 8*d.* at St. Peter *ad vincula*, 66*s.* 8*d.* at the Nativity of the Virgin, 46*s.* 8*d.* at Christmas, which defendant up to 28 November 7 the now king has refused to pay: damages claimed 100*l.* Defendant, by John Brokhampton his attorney, states that when instituted, upon plaintiffs' presentation, he found his vicarage discharged of the said rent, and prays in aid the patrons and bishop, without whom he can neither charge nor discharge the same. On the octave of Michaelmas the bishop also appears by John Horneslowe his attorney and makes himself a party, but cannot gainsay that the rent is due, and in arrear. Judgment for plaintiffs, for 40 marks, and 40*s.* damages, which plaintiffs remit.

R.I. f. 286*d.*

Appropriation by John bishop of Bath and Wells, by licence of the king, with consent of the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, and Master Thomas Bakton proctor of the archdeacon of Wells, of the church of Estcoker upon the death or cession of Peter de Fallewell now rector, (together with that of Honington, Exeter diocese,) to the dean and chapter of Exeter, for the maintenance of a chantry founded by Sir Philip de Cowrtenay knight and Master Robert Broke clerk, with the consent of Thomas bishop of Exeter and of the dean and chapter of Exeter, in the cathedral church of St. Peter Exeter (where Sir Hugh de Cowrtenay late earl of Devon lies, and the Lady Margaret his relict proposes to be buried) for four priests to sing masses daily at the tomb of Sir Hugh in the nave for his soul and the souls of his father and mother, the parents of the Lady Margaret, and after their decease of the Lady Margaret herself, William de Cowrtenay archbishop of Canterbury her son, the said Philip, Sir Peter de Cowrtnay, the other children of Hugh and Margaret, and the said Robert Broke, whereto the advowsons of the said churches are already appropriated by licence of King Richard [II], such priests to be presented by the Lady Margaret, after her death by the said archbishop, Philip, and Peter alternately, and after their decease by the dean and chapter of Exeter, to be perpetual, sworn to obey the chapter, and there and not elsewhere without other benefice or salary to celebrate daily the masses and services severally specified, and to be paid by the dean and chapter (as soon as the said churches shall be at their disposal) 6*l.* yearly and a portion of every obit: the dean and chapter to be charged with the maintenance of missal, chalice, vestments, ornaments, bread and wine, provided the founders find the same in the first instance, and pay on the anniversary of Sir Hugh, Lady Margaret, their sons and daughters (the vigil of the Invention of Holy Cross) and of their parents (22 December) to every canon present 12*d.*, to every vicar 6*d.*, to every mass priest (*presbiter annuelarius*) or clerk of the second form 4*d.*, every chorister boy 2*d.* and every altar warden (*custor sive custos*) 6*d.* (subject to diminution or cessation in case

of failure of income or deprivation of the said appropriated churches or one of them); reserving a suitable portion for a vicar to be by the said dean and chapter presented, namely the hall of the rectory and chambers adjoining, kitchen, brewhouse etc. and a small garden adjacent with ingress and egress by the great gate and the postern, the moiety of a void piece of ground between the said gate and the stable opposite [*the great gate and postern and the whole void piece of ground, R. III], the dovecote with the great garden adjacent, [*the bovary on the north side of the said gate, R. III] the profit of the grass and trees in the churchyard, 2 acres of meadow of the best of the rectory demesne, [*tithes, R. III] pannage in the lord's wood of Escoker, and underwood for firing with a log at Christmas as the rectors had, and all the alderwood of the rectory demesne, tithes of woodfalls, calves, lambs, swine, fowls, geese, ducks, doves, [*eggs, mortuaries, R. III] wools, woolfells, milk, cheese and milkmeats, flax and hemp in the fields or gardens, and all small tithes and oblations within the parish, † a yearly pension of 59*s*. payable at Christmas and Midsummer by the dean and chapter [†omitted in R. III, and instead: *the rents of cottages and tenements belonging to the rectory]; the vicar to maintain the chancel, pay tenths and other subsidies to the pope and king, procurations to the nuncio and the archdeacon, the Easter rent, the gift called St. Martin's, 2*s*. to the chantry of St. Mary in the said church, and find processional candles, also a pension of 40*d*. to the bishop and another of 13*s*. 4*d*. yearly to the dean and chapter of Wells, and support other rectorial charges, and the canons of Exeter when they come thither on business of the church shall be received in the vicarage house and have for their stay sufficient fuel of the said alderwood. Dated Woky, 24 June 1385, in presence of Nicholas his suffragan bishop of Christopolis, John Grene canon of Wells, John Radestone, Sir Philip Rodde rector of Waterleygh [Watelegh] and Thomas atte Lee chaplain of his diocese. Attested by Robert Sloo clerk of Bath and Wells diocese notary public.

Confirmation by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter, and by John prior of Bath and the chapter, dated 25 and 26 June.

R.I. ff. 287-8 (carelessly written); the first few lines repeated f. 292*d*.; recited fully, III. ff. 141-144. The words in square brackets * are from another version of this instrument, fully recited R.III. ff. 138-141, where an award is given in favour of the version here registered.

Wells, 10 July 1385. Present in chapter, Master Thomas Sudburia dean, William Cammel precentor, Thomas Spert chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, John Waryn, Walter Hethenham, [John Upton, struck out], William Chaumbre, Gregory Bottele, Thomas Alston, and Richard Spycer canons, commission was given to John Upton canon to correct the canons if any should need correction.

R.I. f. 288*d*.

24 July. Present in chapter the dean, the precentor, the chancellor, the subdean, John Wareyn, Thomas Bockyng', Walter

de Hethenam, John Hope, John Upton, William Chambor, Gregory Butleirs', Thomas Halston, and Richard Spycer, the dean with their consent remitted the statutory penalty incurred by William Odecumb for default of payment to Sir John Tyntenhyll the communar for Midsummer term last, the said William being present and acknowledging the default.

R.I. f. 288*d*.

Grant by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter to Thomas Elwelle and Nicholas Faace vicars therein and principals of the common hall of the new vicars' close, of a faculty to enter, possess, take and dispose of the fruits of the church of Kyngestan, void by the resignation of Master Robert Cheterne late rector, which church had been appropriated to the said dean and chapter to the use of the vicars upon the death or cession of the said rector by authority of the diocesan. Dated the chapter house, 19 September 1385.

R.I. f. 289.

Commission by Thomas de Sudburia doctor of laws dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Lambert More, to hear causes and deal with offences concerning their ecclesiastical court within their jurisdiction of Northcori, the probate of wills etc. for one year. Dated the chapter house, 24 September 1385.

R.I. f. 289.

Sentence of John bishop of Bath and Wells confirming the claims made at his late visitation by the abbot and convent of Glastonbury to the appropriated churches of Sowy, Doultyng, St. John Glastonbury (served by a removable chaplain nominated by the sacrist), Estpennard, Merlynch, Schapwyk, Estbrynte, and Mere with the chapels etc. the portions of the vicarages excepted, to the jurisdiction over the seven churches of St. John Glastonbury, Buddecle, Strete, Sowy, Merlynch, Schapwyk and Mere with the chapels etc. to be exercised by an archdeacon nominated by the abbot, and to pensions of 4 marks from the church of Doultyng, 20*s*. from that of Schapwyk, 40*s*. from that of Hamme, 13*s*. 4*d*. from that of Wynescumb, 6*s*. 8*d*. from that of Jevechester, 60*s*. from that of Strete, 13*s*. 4*d*. from that of Camelerton, 10*s*. from that of Middelton, 6*s*. 8*d*. from that of Berghe, 100*s*. from that of Merlynch, 40*s*. from that of Wryngton, 40*s*. from that of Dychysyate, 20*s*. from that of Batecombe, 13*s*. 4*d*. from that of Estpennard, 20*s*. from that of Mellys, 20*s*. from that of Buddecle, 26*s*. 8*d*. from that of Monketon, 13*s*. 4*d*. from that of Estbrynte, and 13s. 4*d*. from that of Lympysam, after taking the evidence of witnesses and documents upon a set day. Dated Woky, 12 September 1385.

Confirmation by the prior and chapter of Bath, dated 14 September, and by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter (saving the rights customs and dignity of their cathedral, and the visitation of the bishop) dated 24 September the same year.

R.I. ff. 289-290. Adam de Domerham, i. 273.

Admission by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and auditor of the papal palace and the chapter of Wells of Master Andrew Baret canon of Wells and another auditor of the papal palace for his services to a resident canonry of Wells, upon payment of 40*l.* for his fine and to redeem his banquet therein at beginning his new residence, according to their statutes and customs, provided he claim no great distribution, but only the daily distribution when present, until he shall have kept his statutory residence, but nevertheless shall make the usual payment to the vicars.

R.I. f. 290.

23 December 1385. Present in chapter, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Master Thomas Bockyng', William Chaumbor, John Upton, Walter Wyncaulton, John Wareyn, Gregory Butleygh, [Robert Clyst and Thomas Frome, added between the lines] canons, Master Richard Spicer canon was charged with using abusive language to Master Thomas de Sudburia the dean, and made his submission to the chapter, saving his benefices.

24 December. Present, the dean, chancellor, subdean, John Waryn, [William de Odecombe, added as above] and other canons, Master Richard Spycer being asked by the dean whether he would abide by his submission declined to do so, saying he would not unless his estate and benefices were saved: wherefore the dean, in writing, with consent of those present, suspended him from his canon's habit, his greater and lesser commons and the other proventions of the church.

R.I. f. 290*d*. (These minutes have been tampered with.)

5 December (*sic*). Present in chapter, the dean, chancellor, subdean, John Waryn and other canons, Master Richard Spycer said that he would abide by the ordinance of the dean and chapter, and at the dean's order prostrated himself and asked pardon: whereupon the dean, with consent of those present, absolved him, and released the sentence of suspension.

Form of absolution with condition for good behaviour.

R.I. f. 290*d*.

20 April 1386 about the hour of vespers: present in the chapter Master Thomas de Sudburia the dean, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, John Wareyn, Thomas Bockyng', [Walter Ethenam struck out], John Upton, Walter Wyncaulton, William Odecumb, William Chaumbor, Gregory Butteleygh, Thomas Alston, Thomas Frome canons, Master Thomas Byngham, senior resident having no farm, accepted the farm of the churches of Modeford and Lovyngton, void by the death of William Cammel the precentor prebendary of Worminstre, which was thereupon assigned to him.

R.I. f. 291.

26 April. Before the said chapter (except William Odecumb) about the third hour, Master Edmund Saynteloo canon of Wells and prebendary of Cumbe *terciadecima*, the senior resident having

no canon's house and no farm, accepted the house in which William Odecumb dwelt, and the farm of the parish church of St. Cudbert with canon bern, void by the death of the said William: and they were assigned to him by the dean with consent of the chapter.

R.I. f. 291.

12 May the same year. Before Master Thomas Spert chancellor (in the dean's absence), Master Thomas Bockyng', Master Richard Spycer, John Upton, William Chaumbor, Gregory Butteleygh, Walter Ethenam, Thomas Alston, Robert Clyst and Thomas Frome canons of Wells forming the chapter, Richard Turnedyk' and Robert Hawe vicars were charged by the president with saying the litany carelessly (*indevote et discrepando*) in procession on the 11 May: they acknowledged the fault, and were told that in case of a repetition they should take their places on three solemn days with candles in their hands in the lowest rank of the boys.

R.I. f. 291.

Grant by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Edmund Seyntloo canon of Wells of canon's houses and the farm of the canons' grange void by the death of William Odecombe canon. Dated the chapter house Wells, Thursday after St. Mark 1386.

R.I. f. 291*d*.

The king's signet recommending the election as bishop of his clerk and secretary Richard Medeford, with promises of his favour: forwarded by John Peraut serjeant of arms. Dated Wyndesor castle, 14 December. (*French.*)

R.I. f. 292*d*.

Licence granted by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter to John Orum vicar there to absent himself for three years, taking his stipend, and to stay wherever general study flourishes in England, providing another fit vicar to perform his services. Dated the chapter house Wells, 1 October 1388.

R.I. f. 292*d*.

24 September 1388. In the chapter house Wells, before Master Thomas de Sudburia dean, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Master Thomas Bockyng', Master William Chaumbre, Master Gregory Butlegh, Thomas Alston, Robert Clyst and Thomas Frome canons resident, appeared Master Richard Harewell canon of Wells and prebendary of Lutton and protested his wish to reside according to the statute during the next year: he was admitted by the dean with consent of the chapter, 12 February.

R.I. f. 292*d*.

20 August 1387. In the chapter house Wells, before Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Master Thomas Bokkyng', Master William Chomber, Master

Gregory Botteleye, Thomas Alston, Robert Kyllyst and Thomas Frome canons resident, appeared Master Robert Rygge doctor of divinity chancellor of Oxford canon of Wells and prebendary of Doulkot, and protested his wish to reside the next year: admitted.

R.I. f. 293.

5 November the same year. In the chapter house, present, Master Thomas de Suddeburia the dean, William Chomber and others (Master Thomas Spert and Master Thomas Bokkyng' being absent but consenting, likewise John Waryn, Walter Wyncalton, John Upton and Robert Perley), the dean with their consent declared that Master Robert Rugge should stand next to Robert Perley for canons' houses and farms, and acknowledged 43*l.* received of Master Robert for his banquet.

R.I. f. 293.

26 March 1388. In the chapter house, before Master Thomas de Sudburia dean, Master Andrew Baret archdeacon of Wells, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Ralph Berners succentor, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Thomas Bockyng', John Hope, William Chaumbre, Gregory Butteleyg', John Wareyn, Thomas Alston, John Upton, Robert Clist, Thomas Frome, Robert Sloo, John Grene, Robert Rigge, Richard Aldrington canons, appeared Sir Thomas Newman vicar having the dean's order to cite Richard Spicer canon, and reported that he had cited him at his manse within the city of Wells and in his choir stall of the prebend of Eston, for laying hands upon Sir William Hope chaplain vicar of Wells: the said Richard did not appear, and was for his contumacy suspended from entering the church or taking his commons, and ordered to appear before the dean and chapter on Monday after St. Ambrose.

R.I. f. 293.

19 September 1388. In the chapter house, before Master Thomas Spert chancellor and president of the chapter (in the dean's absence), Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Master Ralph Berners succentor, Master Thomas Bockyng', Walter Wyncalton, William Chaumbre, Gregory Buttleigh, Robert Clyst, Thomas Frome, Robert Sloo, John Grene and Robert Rigg' canons, Master Lambert More bachelor in laws, proctor of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells lately translated, exhibited a papal bull (as below) touching the said bishop's translation; and the chapter promised obedience to the said bishop.

R.I. f. 293*d.*

[Bull of Pope Urban [VI] addressed to the chapter of Wells, announcing the translation of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells to the see of Durham, and the translation of Ralph bishop of Salisbury to the see of Bath and Wells. Dated Perugia, iii non. April 10 Pope Urban VI.]

R.I. f. 293*d.* (cancelled).

24 September 1388. Before the president and chapter appeared Master Richard de Harewell canon of Wells and prebendary of Lutton and made protestation of his wish to reside the next year.

R.I. f. 294.

1 October the same year. Before the president and chapter appeared John Lye vicar, not yet made perpetual for that he had not used diligence to learn by heart the antiphonary, psalter and hymnal, and for his probity of manners was granted until Michaelmas next to learn the same.

R.I. f. 294.

30 September 1388. Master Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter, for respect to the king (who sends letters on their behalf) and to Walter bishop of Durham (late bishop of Bath and Wells), granted to Sir William Ryal vicar of the prebendal stall of Schaldeford and Sir William Wodecourt vicar of the prebendal stall of Wandestr' licence of non-residence for three years, provided they be in the said bishop's service.

R.I. f. 294.

Note that a writ was served on the dean and chapter of Wells 16 March 1388, concerning the king's right to collate to the office of treasurer and the possession thereof by William Langbrook, who has been admitted upon his collation; tested at Westminster, 6 March 12 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 294*d*. See above, p. 284.

13 September 1389. Master Thomas Spert chancellor of Wells (*locum tenens* of Master Thomas de Sudburia the dean, in his absence) admitted Sir John Deye chaplain to a chantry in the parish church of Chedder void by the death of Sir John Aschfolde, upon the presentation of Sir Thomas Brok' knight: Sir John Wyttok vicar thereof to induct.

R.I. f. 294*d*.

14 January 1389. Present in chapter Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Ralph Berners succentor, Master Thomas Bokkyng', John Hope, William Chaumbre, Gregory Buttleygh, John Upton, Thomas Frome, Robert Slo, John Grene, and Robert Rugg' canons, Master John Upton bringing the consent of Master Thomas de Sudburia the dean, Sir William Hope vicar craved licence to pass over to Rome, and to serve his chantry in the chapel of St. Mary by the cloister of Wells, to which he was presented by Sir John Chediok knight, by John Putte another vicar: licence granted, provided the said William make provision for performance of his duty of reading the gospel and wearing his cope in the choir as vicar of the stall of Cumbe *tercia*.

R.I. f. 294*d*.

Mandate of William archbishop of Canterbury to the dean and chapter of Wells to produce in the parish church of Croydon before Wednesday after St. Barnabas the foundation and institution of the provostship of Wells and all statutes, constitutions and muniments concerning the same, or copies under their seal, the archbishop having received a writ from the king, tested at Westminster 27 May 13 Richard [II], in a suit between the king and Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and Roger Holm clerk, directing him to make inquisition and certify whether the said office is compatible with a benefice with cure of souls or other benefice. Dated Croydon, 4 June 1390.

R.I. f. 295.

Answer of the dean and chapter to the above mandate, stating that they have searched their archives, statutes, constitutions and other muniments, and enclosing all they have found that concerns the provostship. Dated the chapter house Wells, 10 June the same year.

R.I. f. 295.

Writ of *certiorari* from the king addressed to the dean and chapter chapter of Wells, directing them to search their records concerning the provostship, and certify him whether it be a dignity, office or parsonage with or without cure. Tested at Westminster, 29 April 13 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 295.

Return to the above writ by the dean and chapter, enclosing all they have found concerning the provostship. Dated the chapter house Wells, 28 May 1390.

R.I. f. 295*d*.

Return to a further writ, tested at Westminster 19 June 13 Richard [II], stating that after diligent search it has been found that the provostship does not from its foundation nor by reason of custom, oath or statute require holy orders or personal residence, nor has it cure of souls or spiritual jurisdiction, nor has the provost by reason of his provostship a voice in an election, or a place in the chapter or preeminence, but is free from every such bond; that the vicars of the churches attached to the provostship have the cure of souls each in his parish and not the provost; that the bishop of Bath and Wells has spiritual jurisdiction in the churches of Welyngton and Cherde, the dean and chapter of Wells in those of Wynsham and Cumba St. Nicholas thereto attached and not the provost, but the provost has to answer for temporalities according to the foundation; that it is not held to be a dignity or [prelacy ?] nor a parsonage in the church of Wells, but an office of charge, and was so held from its first foundation time out of mind: that it is held to be an office without cure compatible with other ecclesiastical benefice with cure or incompatible dignity, as appears by divers persons holding the same, namely John de

Sancto Paulo archdeacon of Cornwall, Andrew Ufford archdeacon of Middlesex, Adam Hylton treasurer of York, William Wykeham archdeacon of Lincoln, John Newenham rector of Fenny Staunton, Walter Frelond rector of Crystynmalford, who held therewith those benefices named. Dated the chapter house Wells, 12 July 14 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 295*d*.

Return to a further writ, tested at Westminster 15 July 14 Richard [II], upon the same subject. Dated Wells, 20 September the same year.

R.I. f. 296.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the president and chapter of Wells (in the absence of Thomas de Sudburia the dean), dated 5 December 1390, with reservation as to issue yet to be begotten, of the manumission of his neif, Nicholas Kyng, son of John Kyng of Merke Brygge, and his issue begotten or to be begotten, granted by Thomas de Sudburia the dean for his good service; dated Wells, 10 May 13 Richard [II].

R.I. f. 296.

Inspeximus and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells, dated 20 February the same year, of a grant made by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Henry Spartegrove, Agnes his wife, and Alice their daughter for their lives, of a piece of land in his watercourse at Wells in the Berton at the end of the said Henry's garden to build a fulling mill thereon, and a piece of land there to be put up a rack (*rakka*) as it is enclosed, at a yearly rent of 10*s*. payable quarterly, with warranty: dated Evercrich, 10 February 14 Richard II.

R.I. f. 296*d*.

Memorandum that 19 June 1391 in the chapter house of Wells, present Thomas de Subburia dean, Thomas Byngham subdean, Ralph Berneres succentor, Thomas Bokyngge, Walter Hethenham, Walter Wynkauton, Gregory Botteleye, John Upton, Thomas Alston, Thomas Frome, Robert Sloo and John Grene canons, leave of absence was granted to Master John Orom vicar to study for three years in the university of Oxford.

R.I. f. 296*d*.

(f. 297 wanting).

Memorandum that 2 August 1391, present in chapter Thomas de Sudburia dean, T. Byngham subdean, Ralph Berners succentor, Thomas Bockyng', Walter Wyncaulton, Gregory Buttelegh, John de Upton, Thomas Alston, Thomas Frome, Robert Sloo, John Grene and Richard Harewell canons, Robert Perle canon resident presented to the vicarage of his stall, void by the death of William Winchecumbe, a youth named Robert Wodelond his kinsman:

the vicars present had commission to examine him in reading and chanting, and in their name Sir Roger Mellys reported that he was able to read and chant but had a youthful voice: after which the dean ordered him to be invested in the vicar's habit, and installed by Sir John Baryngton vicar, and because of his youth gave him a dispensation to be absent for one year's learning at the schools.

R.I. f. 298.

4 August the same year. Before the dean and canons last above written, John Huwyssch abbot of Athelney was installed canon and prebendary of Langsotton, and sworn.

R.I. f. 298.

Memorandum that at the altar of St. Nicholas by the cloister Wells is a chantry, value 4 marks yearly, to be collated by the chancellor, the succentor, and the subdean in successive years on the feast of St. Jerome: and Sir William Belde vicar and chaplain of Wells was collated by Thomas Spert chancellor in 1391.

R.I. f. 298.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 8 January 1391, of the manumission of John Skete the elder and John Skete the younger his son and their issue begotten or to be begotten, granted by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells; dated Evercrych, 3 January 1791.

R.I. f. 298*d*.

Consent in writing of Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter that Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells may dispose of the remaining materials of houses and buildings of the bishop's manor of Blakford, to the demolition of which by John Harewell late bishop they had previously consented, (such buildings having been formerly erected on a sumptuous scale, and though in no way necessary, absorbing yearly large sums in repairs,) and also to the demolition of any houses or buildings within the bishop's manor of Congresbury, except the barn there, as unnecessary and superfluous, considering that the bishop has several neighbouring manors fully sufficient for his residence even if they were fewer.

R.I. f. 298*d*.

11 March 1391. Present in chapter Thomas Spert chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, Ralph Berners succentor, Thomas Bokkyng', John Wareyn, Walter Ethenam, Gregory Buttelegh, John Upton, Thomas Alston, Robert Sloo, John Grene, Richard Harewell canons: leave of absence was granted to Sir Thomas Elewell vicar until Michaelmas next.

R.I. f. 299.

28 June 1392. Present in chapter Master Thomas de Sudburia dean, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Thomas Byngham subdean, Ralph Berners succentor, Thomas Bockyng', John Wareyn,

Walter Ethenam, Gregory Butteleygh, John Upton, Thomas Alston, Robert Sloo, John Grene, Richard Harewell canons resident: appeared Master Roger Harewell archdeacon of Bath and prebendary of Compton Dundon, and made protestation of his desire to reside the next year, and was admitted. Attested by T. Lye.

R.I. f. 299.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 8 March the same year, of the *inspeximus* and confirmation by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, patron of Cristmalford, dated Chiew 7 January 1392, of the manumission of Thomas Croke *alias* Frende of Malmesbury, his children and all that goes with him, granted by Thomas Walton rector of Cristmalford, and dated Friday after St. Petronilla 14 Richard II.

R.I. f. 299*d*.

12 May 1393. Before Master Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Master Roger Harewell archdeacon of Bath, Thomas Byngham subdean, Ralph Berners succentor, Walter Ethenam, Gregory Butteleygh, Walter Wyncaulton, Robert Sloo, John Grene, Robert Perley and Richard Bruton canons resident in chapter assembled, appeared Richard Hull vicar, who was charged by the dean (though sworn to the customs of the church, as he acknowledged) with frequently disturbing divine service especially in the choir, with strolling about the columns of the church during service in the choir to converse with laymen, with allowing his hair to grow and not keeping his tonsure, nor taking subdeacon's orders in due time, and with not applying himself to learn the psalter, hymnal and antiphonary, all of which he acknowledged; wherefore the dean appointed eight days later to shew cause why he should not be condemned for perjury.

Afterwards on 16 May, before the same persons sitting judicially, the said Richard Hull was further charged with using defamatory words of the said canons. (Incomplete.)

R.I. f. 299*d*.

LIBER ALBUS II.

(*All instruments in this volume already calendared in Liber Albus I. are here omitted.*)

Charter of King Henry [III] to the churches of St. Andrew Wells and St. Peter Bath, and to Jocelin bishop thereof and his successors, the dean and canons of Wells and the prior and monks of Bath, confirming to them all lands, possessions, dignities and liberties conferred upon them by himself, his ancestors or any others; and granting them in frank almoin toll and theam, infangenetheof and utfangenetheof throughout their lands; that they, their men, and the men of their fees shall be quit of passage, pontage, lestage, stallage, works of castles, houses, walls, dykes, bridges, causeways, vivaries, ponds, enclosures of parks, suits of shires or hundreds, mercies, murders, sheriffs' aids, escapes of thieves, cattle of seisin, pleas, plaints etc.; that no sheriff, constable or bailiff of the king's shall have entry or power thereupon save for attachments of pleas of the crown, but all shall belong to the bishop and his officers; that the bishop may distrain the dean and canons of Wells, the prior and monks of Bath, their lands and fees and the men thereof, and all men of his own lands and fees; that they and their men shall be quit of juries and assizes; that if any of their men should lose life or limb or be a fugitive or otherwise forfeit his chattels, they shall belong to the bishop; that the bishop shall have all fines and amercements of all the men aforesaid, and of the abbot and monks of Glastonbury and their men, with power of distraint; and that these liberties shall not be affected by non-user. Witnesses: Walter bishop of Carlisle the king's treasurer, Thomas bishop of Norwich, Hubert de Burgo earl of Kent the king's justice, Godfrey de Craucumb the king's steward, Hugh Dispensator, Henry de Capella. Dated Oxford, 14 July 15 Henry [III] by Ralph bishop of Chichester the chancellor.

R.III. f. 1.

Charter of King John to the churches of St. Andrew Wells and St Peter Bath, and to Joscelin bishop thereof and his successors, the dean and canons of Wells, and the prior and monks of Bath, confirming to them all lands, possessions, rights, dignities and liberties conferred upon them by himself, his ancestors or any others; and granting them throughout their lands toll and theam, infangenthif, with ordeal of water and fire, gallows (*furtis*) and iron; that they and their men be quit of suits of shires and hundreds, of murders, mercies, aids of sheriffs etc., of summonses, juries etc. Witnesses: P. bishop of Winchester, Geoffrey son of Peter earl of Essex, Saber (*sic*) de Quency earl of Winchester, William earl

Warenne, Roger de Thoeny, William Bruer, Hugh de Nevyll, Geoffrey de Nevyll the king's steward. Dated Gaydyngton, 3 March 8 John.

R.III. f. 2.

Decree of Robert bishop of Bath that upon the death of any canon in the church of St. Andrew Wells two thirds of his prebend for one year shall go to the surviving canons, and the third shall be at his disposal, or for his debts or other obligations; that every canon give a full tithe of his prebend to the church to which by reason of its situation the same ought by right to be given; and that no canon diminish his prebend or change it for the worse by turning the land of villeins to free service.

R.III. f. 2*d*.

Letters patent of King Edward [I], reciting that he had impleaded Gilbert de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hertford and others before the justices in eyre in county Somerset for withdrawing the sheriff's turns and aids, suits of dozeins and other suits and liberties within the hundreds of Wynterstok, Ceddre, Yatton and Chyu which belong to the churches of Bath and Wells and are in the hand of bishop Robert, and also suits and liberties belonging to the city of Bath which the said bishop had of his gift, and recovered the same by judgment of the court; and rendering to the said bishop for his good service the said liberties and suits, to hold to the said bishop and his successors of the said king and his heirs. Tested at Westminster, 12 July 9 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 3: repeated f. 345. Pat. *Cal.* p. 452.

Confirmation by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells to the chapter of Wells of all their lands, churches and other possessions, namely the manor, church and hundred of Northcury with the land of Hach and of Wrentisse of the gift of King Richard and King John, confirmed by King Henry III and bishops Savaricus and Joscelin: the manor and church of Wynescomb of the grant of bishop Joscelin as an endowment at the dedication of the church: the church of Luvyngton, one hide of land there (80 acres in one field and 80 in another), and a messuage by the church of the size of a capital messuage, of the gift of Robert de Cari formerly lord of Luvyngton confirmed by bishop Reginald: the church of St. Cuthbert in the city of Wells (saving a vicarage therein) of the grant of bishops Robert and Joscelin: the church of Lydyard of the the grant of bishops Savaricus and Joscelin: the church of Cungresbyri of the grant of bishop Joscelin: the church of Mudiford of the appointment of bishop Joscelin: the church of Ceddre of the grant of bishop Joscelin: 100*s*. yearly of the church of Karempton of the grant of bishops Reginald and Savaricus, the prior and convent of Bath, and Simon Bozun formerly patron: 35 marks yearly of the church of Chyuton of the appointment of bishop Joscelin by consent of the abbot and convent of Jumiéges the patrons: 40*s*. yearly of the church of Staweya by appointment of bishop Joscelin by consent of the prior and convent of Goldclyve to whom that church is appropriated: 60*s*. yearly of the church of

Nuny of the grant of bishop Joscelin: 40*s*. of the church of Norton under Hamedon by appointment of bishop Joscelin by consent of the abbot and convent of Gresteyn the patrons: a mediety of the church of Whytecherch, Salisbury diocese, by appointment of Robert bishop of Salisbury and grant of bishop Joscelin the patron: 2*s*. yearly of the church of Brunfeld in the archdeaconry of Tanton: the custody and fruits of vacant prebends, beyond that which belongs to a deceased canon by ancient custom, of the grant of bishop Robert: two thirds of vacant churches throughout the bishopric of the grant of bishops Reginald and Joscelin: the barton of their common fund in the city of Wells of the gift of bishop Reginald, free of rent save 12*d*. yearly to the archdeacon: quittance of murders and mercies for the men, tenements and fees of the dean and chapter and of every canon, of the grant of bishop Joscelin: licence to publish sentence of excommunication and interdict upon all who invade their possessions and rights, or impose undue charges upon them, by indulgence of bishop Savaricus: 40*s*. yearly of the churches of Banewell and Westbury, payable by the prior and convent of Bryuton to whom they are appropriated, to find a wax candle before the high altar, by appointment of bishop Reginald and grant of the said prior and convent: three wax candles every year upon the vigil of St. Andrew (one of 3*lb*. the others of 2*lb*.) of the land of Ralph Martre in Dultinchot of the gift of bishop Robert at the dedication of the old church: 10 marks yearly of the church of Chyu, and other 20 marks yearly of the provostry of Combe, towards the daily service of the Virgin and all the hours, and further 10 marks yearly of the said provostry for the daily service of the dead, the goods given by former bishops for that purpose, and the portions assigned to the vicars present, according to the appointment of bishop Joscelin: 3 marks yearly to be received of the church of Chyuton towards the light of the Virgin by appointment of bishop Joscelin: the ordinance of bishop Joscelin, by consent of dean J. and the chapter, concerning the common fund, and the commutation thereof: the houses of Ralph Preciosus in the city of Wells, to be assigned to a canon resident; of Lambert de Well' with his land, free of rent; of Roger the chaplain, canon of Wells, in the city of Wells, to be assigned to a canon resident; of the said Roger, and before him of Reginald de Waltham, to the use of the school in the city of Wells; of Richard de Attebyri canon of Wells, to be assigned to a canon resident; and of Elias the chaplain canon of Wells, to be assigned to a canon resident: 2 marks yearly payable to the treasurer by the archdeacon to find eight wax candles, of the rent which the archdeacon used to pay yearly to the bishop, by appointment of bishop Joscelin: 60*s*. payable by the archdeacon of the said rent towards a daily service of the dead at the altar of St. Kalixtus for the soul of dean P. (in recompense whereof the said dean's executors granted to bishop Joscelin the land of Merlegh in the manor of Woky): 100*lb*. of wax yearly of the church of Weston near Worspring in the bishop's patronage, of the gift of bishop Joscelin, payable by the parson thereof to the treasurer: a site in the city of Wells next the house of Elias the

chaplain on the south, of the gift of William Bouth (*sic*): also all prebends, dignities, rights, liberties etc. therein. Dated Staweie in the parish of Chyu, id. August 1246.

Note of a confirmation by the prior and chapter of Bath, under date xiiii kal. September 1246.

R.III. ff. 3*d*—6. (For this last confirmation see f. 304*d*.: below p. 455, and R.II. f. 47).

Charter of Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, reciting a debate between himself and J. dean of Wells and the chapter touching vacant churches in the bishopric, which the bishop claimed as his own by common right, but they replied that his predecessors, by consent of their archdeacons, granted the same to them and the church of Wells, and they had remained in possession for sixty years and more, producing instruments to that effect; whereupon he withdrew his claim, but they in aid of debts etc. freely granted him a portion thereof during his life, namely the two thirds belonging to them, without prejudice to their rights. Witnesses: J. the dean, W. de Badestan chancellor, H. de London treasurer of Wells, H. Tessun, W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacons of Bath and Tanton, H. the subdean, N. the succentor, W. provost of Combe, Luke de Membry, W. de Cosinton, J. de Teynton, J. de Hereford, J. de Sutton canons of Wells, Master G. de Acford and Master E. de Badestan the bishop's clerks, Sir W. de Purle and Sir R. de Glovernia his chaplains, G. and J. his clerks. Dated Jatton, ix kal. June 1246, by Master Richard de Haldewourth.

Note of a similar charter of William bishop of Bath, dated Wells, id. December 1249.

R.III. f. 10*d*.: II. f.15.

Note of a confirmation by the chapter of Bath of two thirds of vacant churches throughout the bishopric to the dean and chapter of Wells towards their common fund, according to the grant of bishop Jocelin.

R.II. f. 15 (interpolated at the foot of the page).

Decree of William bishop of Bath and Wells restoring to the dean and chapter of Wells the portion of vacant churches in the diocese belonging to the said dean and chapter, as appears by divers letters of his predecessors, which they granted to him for the relief of debts, without prejudice to their rights; and appropriating the fruits thereof to the fabric of the church. Dated Banewell, ii id January 15 bishop William, by W. and J. archdeacon and chancellor of Wells.

R.III. f. 11*d*.. II. f. 16.

Charter of King Richard [I] confirming to the church of St. Andrew Wells and to Rainaud bishop of Bath all gifts of churches and other benefices, namely the churches of Pylton and Sowthbrente of the gift of Robert abbot of Glastonbury and the convent: the church of Hengestrigge of the gift of Richard de Canuill'; the church of Bokeland of the gift of Oliver de Dynham: the church of Estharpetre of the gift of William son of William son of John de Arpetre: the church of Haselbergh of the gift of William son of

William: the church of Scaudeford of the gift of Hamon de Blakeforde: the churches of Compton and Bronfeld of the gift of Gerbert de Percy and Maud Arondel: the church of Codeworth with the chapel of Knolle of the gift of Alan de Fornellis: the church of Wythlakyngton of the gift of James de Monte Sorelli: the church of Aulescomb of the gift of Joscelin de Treiminet': the church of Bovy of the gift of Oliver de Tracy: the churches of Holecombe and Lameia of the gift of Ralph son of Bernard: the church of Ceddre: the church of Tymberescombe of the gift of Cristina and of Alice and Sara her sisters: the church of Lideford of the gift of Robert de Bolevile: the church of Doueliz of the gift of Ralph Wac: the churches of Karenton of the gift of Simon Bozon: a mediety of the church of Waleton of the gift of Stephen son of David: the church of Staweya of the gift of Maud de Chandos: the church of Berewe of the gift of Alured de Puntsoud: the church of Werministre of the gift of Ralph son of William: half a virgate of land at Norham of the gift of Geoffrey Talebot, with the meadow there which he had of the said king's gift: and the manor and church of Northcory. Witnesses: Walter archbishop of Rouen, Hugh bishop of Durham, Hugh bishop of Coventry, John dean of Rouen, N. dean of Le Mans, Robert earl of Leicester, William earl of Arundel, William Marescallus, John his brother, Hugh Bard'. Dated Cant', 26 November 1 Richard [I], by William bishop elect of Ely and chancellor.

R.III. f. 13. (See Church, *Early History*, App. G. pp. 370-377.)

Charter of King Henry [III] granting to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors in frank almoin that they and their men, the abbot and monks of Glastonbury, the dean and canons of Wells, the prior and monks of Bath and their successors, and their men, shall be quit of toll (saving to the king the toll of the men holding of their fees, who do not hold in chief of any of them), such liberty not to be affected by non-user. Witnesses: Richard bishop of Durham and others named. Dated Fuleham, 15 May 13 Henry [III], by Ralph bishop of Chichester the king's chancellor.

R.III. f. 14. Charter Rolls, *Cal.* 104. Adam de Domerham, i. 247.

Letters patent of Edward the king's eldest son, addressed to his constables, bailiffs and ministers, and especially his bailiffs of Bristol, granting at the instance of W. bishop of Bath and Wells, R. abbot of Glastonbury, and the dean of Wells, to the said bishop, the abbot and monks of Glastonbury, the dean and chapter of Wells, their successors and their men of their lands and fees throughout the realm, immunity from the new aid granted him by the king; and the same to all disembarking upon their lands and fees, with their merchandise, and those who trade with them. Tested at Bristol, 10 December 52 [Henry III].

R.III. f. 14*d*.

Inspeximus by Robert bishop of Salisbury, W. bishop of Exeter, and W. bishop of Worcester, dated 2 August 1242, of a charter of King Henry [III] granting to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors in frank almoin the patronage of the abbey of Glaston-

bury, the abbot receiving at their hands the temporalities which would be called *regalia* if the patronage belonged to the king, and doing fealty to them for the fees thereto belonging, and afterwards to the king as his sovereign, but not for the fees: the bishop to perform the king's service which the church of Glastonbury used to perform when there were abbots there before, and the abbot to perform to him the services due to the king's predecessors for the fees belonging to him and the abbey: should the abbot die during a vacancy of the see, the king to have the custody, as of other abbeys, during such vacancy, and an abbot to be appointed by his assent; otherwise the bishop to have the custody, and the king's assent not to be required: witnessed by Richard bishop of Durham, Walter bishop of Carlisle, Hilbert (*sic*) de Burgo earl of Kent, Philip de Albiniaco, Ralph son of Nicholas and Godfrey de Craucumbe the king's stewards; and dated Westminster, 25 April 19 Henry III by Ralph bishop of Chichester the chancellor.

R.III. f. 15.

Nomination by W. prior of Glastonbury and the convent of Adam de Bodekeleye, John de Ambresbiry, Walter de Calne (Kabie), Adam de Domerham and Walter de Tefunt' their brethren to elect an abbot, the bishop's licence having been obtained, for that W. bishop of Bath and Wells in his visitation has deposed Roger de Ford the late abbot. Dated in chapter, xii. kal. March 1255.

III. f. 16: repeated f. 357. Adam de Domerham, i. 255.

Inspeximus by Robert bishop of Salisbury, W. bishop of Exeter and W. bishop of Worcester, dated 1242, of a charter of King John granting to Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors, that should the church of Glastonbury need to be under the rule of an abbot they should have the patronage thereof in frank almoin, in the same terms as in the foregoing charter of Henry III: witnessed by S. archbishop of Canterbury, W. abbot of Westminster, R. abbot of Ramsey and others named; and dated the New Temple London, 9 January 16 John, by Master Richard de Marisco, chancellor.

R.III. f. 16*d*.. repeated f. 399*d* *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 203. Adam de Domerham, i. 240.

Inspeximus by Robert bishop of Salisbury, W. bishop of Exeter and W. bishop of Worcester, dated 2 August 1242, of the assent of King John, given by counsel of Nicholas bishop of Tusculum the papal legate, Stephen archbishop of Canterbury primate and cardinal, William bishop of London, Peter bishop of Winchester, Eustace bishop of Ely, Giles bishop of Hereford and Hugh bishop of Lincoln, and at the petition of Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, to the union of the churches of Bath and Glastonbury made by the papal see, and to the constitution of the church of Glastonbury and the division of tis possessions between Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and the monks of the said church made by Eustace bishop of Ely, Sampson late abbot of St. Edmund and Geoffrey prior of Holy Trinity Canterbury: witnessed by

William Marescallus earl of Penbrok, William earl Warenne, Saher earl of Winchester, William Bruer, Robert Fitzwalter, John Marescallus, and Thomas de Erdington; and dated the New Temple London, 21 November 16 John, by Master Richard Maresco the chancellor.

R.III. f. 17: repeated f. 342*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 238.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], being a licence in mortmain to John de Drokenesford bishop of Bath and Wells to acquire lands, tenements and rents to the value of 10*l*. yearly, and the advowson of one church, (those held of the king in chief excepted,) and to convey them for chantries and alms for the souls of the said king and his heirs, King Edward his father etc., subject to the finding of an inquisition *ad quod damnum*. Tested at Westminster, 8 November 14 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 17*d*. Pat. *Cal*. p. 518.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], reciting a statute made at Westminster in the first parliament of his father, 3 Edward [I], for the protection of the goods of the church, and subsequent complaints of the non-observance thereof made in divers parliaments during both reigns on behalf of the prelates and clergy, and ordering that it be fully observed in future. Tested at York, 24 November 10 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 18. Pat. *Cal*. p. 608.

Agreement, dated 7 June 50 Henry III, between Walter bishop of Bath and Wells and Robert abbot of Glastonbury, whereby the abbot with the consent of his convent quitclaims to the bishop and his successors and their churches of Bath and Wells the manor and advowson of Pokeleschurch county Gloucester, the manor and advowson of Wynescombe, the manor of Blakeford with the advowson of the free chapel, and the manor of Cranemere county Somerset, (the last free of all suit of the abbot's court and hundred,) the advowsons of Essebury county Berks, Kyngton and Cristesmaleford county Wilts, and Bokland county Dorset, and the service and homage of one knight's fee in Camelarton county Somerset with the advowson; saving their ancient yearly pensions, namely from the church of Pokelcherch 50*s*., of Wynescombe 1 mark, of Camelarton 1 mark: and the bishop with the consent of his chapters quitclaims to the abbot and his successors and their church the manors of Essebury county Berks, Baddebury, Kyngton and Crystemaleford county Wilts, Bokland county Dorset, and Mere with the advowson county Somerset, saving the advowsons of Essebury, Kyngton, Cristemaleford and Bokland; and also grants and quitclaims to them 11*l*. 5*s*. which he and his predecessors used to receive yearly of the abbots from their hundreds of Wystane and Wytelegh, their courts, and sheriffs' aids: and further, to prevent disputes touching the liberties granted by the king to the bishop and his churches in the fees and lands of the abbey, it is agreed that the abbots shall be answerable to the bishops as their lords and patrons, and the bishops and their bailiffs shall take from the sheriffs the return of the king's writs touching the liberty of the

abbey in every county where they have lands, and return them to the abbots and their bailiffs, in Somerset at the abbey of Glastonbury, in Dorset at [Nyweton, in Wyltesyre at] Domerham, in Berksyre at Essebury, and they shall certify the bishop's said bailiffs in matters touching the counties at the next county court, in all other matters (except at the justices' eyre in Somerset) at Wells in Somerset, at Schyrbourn in Dorset, at New Salisbury in Wilts, and at Edwyneston in Berks: that the abbots shall hold their hundreds and courts, and pleas therein *de namio vetito* etc., as they used to do when they held of the king direct, and the abbots and their tenants shall be quit of suit at any court of the bishops: that if the abbot shall be personally impleaded in any county, the bishop's steward specially appointed shall hold the bishop's court on the same day and in the same town but apart from the county court and do justice between the parties, and the abbot shall there answer: that the liberties and immunities of the twelve hides of Glastonbury shall be preserved as heretofore, namely that in the justices' eyre the king's writs of that liberty shall be delivered by the justices to the bishop's steward or his bailiff then present, and by him in their presence to the abbot, his steward or bailiff, and other writs as above: that when a scutage, tallage, or general aid be assessed, it shall be levied by the abbot upon the king's writ, to be obtained by the bishop with his own and to him delivered, so that he be answerable to the bishop and the bishop to the king, saving to the abbot the scutage of the fees of his church after performance of his service by the bishop's hands, and the bishop shall pay such scutage, tallage or aid unpaid or not levied by reason of his default or neglect: that if the bishop fine with the king for the service of the fees both of the bishopric and the abbey, the abbot shall answer for his portion: that the bishop grants to the abbot a moiety of all amercements, fines for mercy, trespass or concord, escapes of thieves, chattels of fugitives and condemned persons, murders, and oxen of seisin issuing from the lands, fees and men of the abbey, the fees and men of the men thereof, provided the abbot find a sworn bailiff to collect the same, and account at the exchequer at Wells four times a year, saving to the bishop the amercement of the abbot in person, and power to enter the liberty of the abbey and execute his office in case of any default of the abbot or his bailiffs: the abbot to save the bishop harmless for any such default or neglect, and the bishop the abbot similarly: that no waste be committed during a vacancy of the abbey, but the manors and possessions thereof remain in the hands of the obedientiaries, with power nevertheless to remove them, if found unfit, by counsel of the prior and convent, saving the prior, in order that the election of an abbot be not delayed. Witnesses: Sir Philip Basset, Sir Robert Auguilun, Sir Robert Walrond, Sir William de Aete, Sir Nicholas de Haveresham, Sir Hugh Peverell, Sir Ralph de Bagepuz, Sir William Belet, Sir Walter de Burges, Sir Nicholas de Leuekenor, Sir William Everard, Sir Richard de Wyrecestria, Sir Geoffrey de Stawell. Done at Norhampton.]

R.III. ff. 19-21*d.*: repeated ff. 89-91. (Compare R.I. ff. 129*d.*, 130*d.*: above pp. 167-8; R. III. f. 343*d.*: below p. 472.)

Charter of Edward Kyng (in Saxon, addressed to Harold eorl, Egelnold abbod, Godwyn scherrue and alle mynes þoegenes on Somerset) confirming to bishop Gyso his land 'also his forgeng aforen hym.'

R.III. f. 21*d*. *Cod. Dipl.* No. 834, iv, p. 195.

Writ of King Edward [I] to the dean and chapter of Wells, tested by W. de March' the king's treasurer at Westminster, 9 July 19 Edward [I], directing them to enter in their chronicles an instrument (in French, copy annexed) whereby Floress counte de Hoylaund, Roberd du Brus lord of Anauntdale, John Baillol lord of Gaweye, John de Hastynges lord of Bergeveny, John Commyn lord of Badenough, Patrik de Dounbar earl of la Marche, John de Vescy (for his father), Nicholas de Soules, and William de Ros, submit their claims to the throne of Scotland to the said king as sovereign thereof, dated Norham, Tuesday after the Ascension 1291: also a second instrument whereby the same persons grant to the said king to have seisin of the land and castles of Scotland, in order to execute his award between them, provided that he first give security to make the reversion thereof, with all the royalty, dignity, lordship etc., to him to whom the right shall be adjudged, saving to the said king his homage, that this be done within two months, and that the issues thereof in the mean time remain in the hands of the chamberlain of Scotland and of him who shall be assigned by the said king for that purpose, dated Norham, Wednesday after the Ascension 1291.

R.III. f. 22. (See Rymer's *Foedera*.)

Inspeximus and confirmation by King Henry [III], witnessed by Joscelin bishop of Bath and others named, and dated Westminster, 26 May 11 Henry [III], of a charter of King Henry [II] granting that the town of Glastonbury with its islands, namely Bekerie, Godnie, Martineseye, Ferningemere, Pathenebergh and Aldredesye should have greater liberties than the other lands of the church of Glastonbury, that no justice, sheriff, forester, bailiff, minister, or other of the king's men should enter to plead, inquire, seize etc., but the abbot and convent should have sole power in all causes.

R.III. f. 23. Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 43.

Charter of King Edward [I] granting to Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, the dean and chapter of Wells, and their successors free warren in their demesne lands of Northcury, Stoke and Hacche county Somerset. Witnesses: Godfrey bishop of Worcester, and others named. Dated Winchester, 24 December 8 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 27*d*. Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 219.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], being a licence in mortmain to the dean and chapter of Wells to convey 100 acres of moor in Northcury to the abbot and convent of Athelingney, in lieu of common of pasture which the said abbot and convent have in

800 acres of moor of the dean and chapter in the said town, and to the said abbot and convent to acquire the same. Tested at Westminster, 12 July 4 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 27*d.*: repeated f. 406*d.* Pat. *Cal.* p. 265.

Demise and quitclaim by Margery de Stokes, in her widowhood, to John dean of Wells and the chapter of all lands and fees in the manor of Northcury, to hold in frank almoin, annulling any writings or muniments, should such hereafter be found, whereby their right or seisin might be disturbed; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant to the said Margery for life 11½ acres of their demesne land therein (namely 10 acres in a *cultura* called Luggeslonde (*sic*), and 1½ acres in a *cultura* called Lamlegh), and 2 acres of meadow in their park, and to Sibyl daughter of Simon de la Slo for life 11½ acres of their demense land (namely 9 acres (*sic*) in a *cultura* called le Ferling and 2 acres in a *cultura* called Dunforlang), and 2 acres in their meadow called la Halueburde. Witnesses: Henry de Cerne, Hugh de Pimor, Roger de la Slo, Henry le Hundredman, Richard Blundus of Pereton, Adam de Murdon, Robert de Mere.

R.III. f. 28*d.*

Agreement between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Sibyl daughter of Simon de la Slo (*neptis* of Margery de Stokes) on the other, dated the Purification 1247, whereby the dean and chapter, in consideration of the quitclaim made by Margery de Stokes of one hide of land in Meridon and all fees, lands, rents and services claimed by her in the manor of Northcury. grant to the said Sibyl for life 11½ acres of their demesne in the said manor (namely 9½ acres in a *cultura* called le Ferling and 2 acres in a *cultura* called Dunforlang), and 2 acres of meadow called la Halueberde, which the said Margery formerly held (and in exchange for which they granted the said Margery 11½ acres of land and 2 acres of meadow), at the yearly rent of 12*d.* Witnesses: John de Aura, Richard Tregoz vicar of Northcury, Adam de Meridon, Robert de Mere, Roger de la Slo, Hugh Pymore.

R.III. f. 29.

Agreement between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Margery de Stokes on the other, dated St. Fabian and St. Sebastian 1247, whereby the said Margery in her widowhood quitclaims to the dean and chapter one hide of land in Meridon with all the lands, fees, rents and services claimed by her in the manor of Northcury, and the dean and chapter grant to the said Margery for life 11½ acres of land of their demense in Northcury (10 acres in a *cultura* called Dogelond (*sic*), and 1½ acres in a *cultura* called Lamlegh), and 2 acres of meadow in their park of Northcury, in exchange for 11½ acres of arable land and 2 acres of meadow formerly held by her, which they have granted for life to Sibyl daughter of Simon de la Slo. Witnesses: John de Aura, Richard Tregoz vicar of Northcury, Adam de Meridon, Robert de Merr', Roger de la Slo, Hugh Pymor.

R.III. f. 29.

Grant and quitclaim by Thomas de Gyuerney (son and heir of Roger de Gyuerney the second) to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors of all the land formerly of Cristina daughter of Thomas de Bononia his great grandmother in the manor of Northcury, in consideration of 4 marks. Witnesses: Philip de Button, Simon le Peyntour, Richard de London, Thomas le Chamerlayn, Richard Dikedale, William Blundel, John Annore, Philip Canoun, John le Specer, Adam le Irmongere, William de Merter (*sic*), Henry de Wynton, John le Mercer.

R.III. f. 29*d*.

Gift by Walter le Frie to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of the homage and service of Richard Bucel (son and heir of William Bucel) and his heirs for the free tenement which the said William formerly held of grantor within the manor of Northcury. Witnesses: Henry called hundredman, Walter then hundredman, William Gyen, Nicholas de Welynthon, Roger Huet, Simon de Mere, Adam de Meridon.

R.III. f. 29*d*.

Gift by Richard le Frye to Edward dean of Wells and his successors and to the chapter of 1½ acres 1 perch of arable land in Huldemede, 2 acres of arable land in Haliwelfelde, and 2½ acres of arable land in Laifeld. Witnesses: Robert de Mere, Henry the hundr[edman], Adam de Meridon, Walter le Fry, William Bussel, Walter Lacy.

R.III. f. 30.

Gift by Walter le Frye to Edward dean of Wells and his successors and to the chapter of 1½ acre of arable land in Hulledmede and 4 acres in Laifeld. Witnesses: Robert de Mere, Henry the hundr[edman], Adam de Meridon, Richard le Fry, William Bussel, Walter Lacy.

R.III. f. 30.

Gift by Walter le Frye to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of the homage and service of Robert Farmey and Reginald de Pixton for the free tenement which they held of grantor in Westhacch, namely 12*d*., ¼*lb*. of pepper, and 1*d*. or one pair of gloves yearly, and 12*d*. yearly rent from the said Reginald. Witnesses: Adam de Meridon, Robert de Mere, Richard Frye, Henry the hundr[edman], Walter Kacy (*sic*), Laurence de Fonte.

R.III. f. 30.

Quitclaim by Richard le Frye to Edward dean of Wells and his successors and to the chapter of the croft called la Hamme with the wheat crop thereof, which croft the said Richard took of them in exchange for 5 acres of arable land in Hulledmede and Haliwelfeld. Witnesses: Robert de Mere, Henry the hundr[edman], Adam de Meridon, William Bussel, Walter le Frye, Walter Kacy (*sic*).

R.III. f. 30.

Indenture of quitclaim and abjuration by Henry son and heir of Henry son of Ingulf to Peter dean of Wells and the chapter of the land called Lamleg' at Stoke, one acre of meadow at Wrentisford thereto belonging, and one acre of land in Garstone at Northcury called Fotaker, formerly of Henry his father, the dean and chapter of their mere liberality having given to the said Henry and his heirs 2 acres of meadow in Smeþemoresmede to hold freely of them with his other lands. Done 5 July 1233 before the hundred of Northcury. Witnesses: Hugh de la Burg', Master Jordan de Haliwell, Richard de Tresgoz, William Archidiaconi, Hugh de Northfolk, Hugh de Stoleg', Robert Mercandus, Robert de Mere, Gilbert son of Nicholas, Robert de la Lode, Osbern Quarel, Gilbert de Herford, Edward de le Burg'.

R.III. f. 31.

Undertaking by William Sylueyn and Ralph Abbe that they have mainprised for William de Meridon, son of Adam de Meridon, that if Ascelina late wife of the said Adam should implead the said William for her dower of the land which her said husband held in Meridon, the said William will not vouch the dean and chapter of Wells to warranty in such plea by reason of the feoffment of the said land which he had of the dean and chapter, with bond to save them harmless. Witnesses: Sir John de Acton, Sir Walter de Ortiaco, Sir Richard de Kam knights, Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de Mere, Robert Gyan.

R.III. f. 31.

Accord between the prior and convent of Montacute on the one part and Master Henry Huse dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, by consent of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, touching common of pasture on the moor of the dean and chapter called Westhaymor in their manor of Northcury, namely from la Landlake to the rhine of the Tone, claimed by the prior and convent as belonging to their free tenement of Hamme by Criz; whereby the prior and convent quitclaim the lordship of the aforesaid moor, and the drift therein; and the dean and chapter grant that they, their men and tenants of Hamme shall have common of pasture on the moor of the dean and chapter of Northcory on the east side of the town of Hamme, namely from la Landlake to la Mulelake for all their own beasts, and hired beasts if necessary according to the quantity of their tenements, but only such as shall be required for tilling their land; but beyond the bounds of la Mulelake towards the rhine of the Tone they shall in future make no claim upon the moors or pastures of the dean and chapter: the dean and chapter to renew and make visible the bounds aforesaid when necessary, and when they make their drift thereon, the cattle of tenants of the prior and convent or of their men shall be separated from the rest, and delivered to them by the word of the men of Hamme; moreover the dean and chapter quitclaim all rights in the lands and tenements of the prior and convent or of their tenants in Hamme by Criz or the commons formerly claimed by them therein. Witnesses: Sir Robert Fitzpayn, Sir Henry de Vrnaco (*sic*), Sir John de Erlegh, Sir John de Acton, Sir Robert de

Sancto Claro, Sir Gilbert de Bere knights, Richard de Nyweton, Gregory de Welyngton, William de Reigny, Robert Gyen, Hugh de la Hele, Walter de Cam, John de Knappe. Dated Wells, ii id. May 1303.

R.III. f. 31*d*.

Accord between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and the abbot of Athelyng[ney] on the other, made on Friday after the Epiphany 1263 in the chapel of St. Mary the Virgin, touching certain purprestures made in the common of pasture of the said abbot and convent on the moors belonging to the manor of Northcury; whereby the abbot quitclaims such purprestures already made by agreement between the dean and chapter and Sir John de Aura, provided that they be bound to surround the same with enclosure or dike; and the dean and chapter give in frank almoin to the abbot and convent, to enlarge their manor of Leng', a meadow called la Hocmede enclosed with a dike next the abbot's meadow in Leng', with the lordship thereof, saving that they shall pay to the dean and chapter for tithe at Michaelmas 7*d*. only, with warranty: the parties to meet in the same place on Wednesday after the Purification to seal and exchange instruments. Ralph de Lullyngton canon of Wells, and Adam de Marisco monk of Athelyng[ney] sworn on behalf of the respective parties to the observance of the premisses.

R.III. f. 32.

Agremeent made the Purification 1263, between Edward dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Robert abbot of Athelyngnye and the convent on the other, whereby the abbot and convent for themselves, their successors and their men of Corylond and Hunteham quitclaim to the dean and chapter and their successors all common of pasture in their meadows, closes and purprestures in their manor of Northcury, namely in Corymormede, Leueryemede Iete, Muridunesmede, Richemannesmede, Almeresye, Nielesmede, Henriesmede, Edwynesmede, Hugemede, Slomede, Babbemede, Curymede, Haymor, Stadmormede, Buggecrofte, Wyttenye, Haskymor, Pynkeham, Smedmor, Jalteshullesmore, 40 acres of moor (by the king's perch) newly enclosed in Corymore, and all enclosures heretofore made; and to Sir John de Aura and his heirs in 40 acres of moor in Stadmor, enclosed by a dyke, which he had of the gift of the dean and chapter; and if the cattle of the abbot and convent or their men stray thereon for want of enclosure, they shall be driven off and not impounded. And in return the dean and chapter give to the abbot and convent and their successors in frank almoin a meadow enclosed with a dike in Cury called la Hocmede with the lordship thereof to enlarge their manor of Leng', saving to the dean and chapter 7*d*. yearly at Michaelmas in name of tithe, with warranty. Dated the chapel of St. Mary in the cloister of Wells.

R.III. f. 32*d*.

Charter of Robert abbot of Atheling[ney] and the convent, whereby they, having received of John dean of Wells and the

chapter (by Hugh the subdean and Walter de Purleg' canon) the crop of 80 acres of alder of their moor of Stadmor for ever (in recompense for one boatload of brushwood daily which they used to take every year from Michaelmas to Hokeday where they pleased on the said moor), the *blestiatus* and *katia* of the herbage remaining to the dean and chapter, and common of pasture to both parties and others as before, quitclaim to the dean and chapter all their aforesaid right in the said moor, saving the moor belonging to the tenement of Hugh de Curylade their tenant, and Prior's moor which they hold of the dean and chapter: if any of the men of the dean and chapter holding of them in chief damage the said crop and be found in the manner and so attached, such attachment to be taken by the abbot's warden, and to be delivered by him to Hugh de Curylade to keep by view of his moorward, until William their bishop with two assessors (in accordance with the compromise between the parties) shall decide whether remedy shall be had in the dean and chapter's court of Northcury or the abbot and convent's court of Curylade, and unless found in the manner none shall be troubled; and whereas the abbot and convent had a right of way every third year in their east field by the meadow of the smith of Leng to drive their cattle to the pasture of Corymore, the men of the dean and chapter or any other, by licence of their bailiff, desiring to enter the said pasture with their cattle at the time of agistment shall have free ingress and egress by the said way, and in other years by the usual way; and the abbot and convent (for themselves, Hugh and Adam their tenants of Curylade and Huntham, and other their tenants) grant to the dean and chapter that all their purprestures made in Curymore, and of the whole island of Haymore, and the others new and old in their manor of Northcury shall stand and remain enclosed, renouncing all claims therein; and that the watercourse of Willaumsdich may remain in its new channel, reserving to the arbitrament of the said bishop the questions where the abbot and convent ought to fish, the making of an enclosure at Willaumsdich, and the repair of the stakyng at Baltyngemere. Witnesses: William Buscel bailiff of Northc[ury], Roger de la Slo, Henry le Hundrudman, Richard le Blun, Adam de Muridon, Richard de Angulo, Walter de Valletorta, John de Radebyri, Stephen de Staford, William Cornard. Dated iii id. September 1250, on the moor of Stadmore.

R.III. f. 33.

Memorandum of agreement indented, dated Wednesday after All Saints 1327, witnessing that after debate in the chapter house of Wells touching divers plaints of the dean and chapter against the abbot and convent of Athelyngnye: first, for detenue of 6*d.* yearly rent which their predecessors used to pay for Prior's moor, the abbot and convent acknowledged the same to be due, and agreed to pay it in future, with arrears: *item* for annexing to the court of Leng two attendances of the tenants of the dean and chapter dwelling in the town of Leng, with punishment for breaches of the assize of bread and ale and for bloodshed as at view of frankpledge,

which ought not to take place there but at the leet of Northcury, the abbot and convent granted the same, with undertaking to restore what had been so taken from the said tenants, saving to the abbot and convent two attendances of the said tenants at the two laghdayes of Leng every year: *item* for causing the cattle of the dean and chapter's tenants of Northcury to be attached and impounded owing to the defect of their enclosure at the stakyng towards Corymor, and levying penalties in their court, the abbot and convent agreed to make good the enclosure so that no further damage should arise: the composition between Edward late dean and the chapter and abbot Robert and the convent to hold good. Sealed by the parties.

R.III. f. 34.

Indenture of agreement made in the octave of St. John Baptist 40 Henry III, at the eyre of Sir Gilbert de Preston, Sir Henry Tracy, Sir Roger de Wicestre, Sir William de Cobham, and Sir William de Englefeld the king's justices at Ivelcestre, reciting proceedings on a writ of novel disseisin between John Golafre and the dean and chapter of Wells touching purprestures of common of pasture from the rhine called Peret to the town of Wrentihcford belonging to the manor of Northc[ury], whereby the said John quitclaims all right in the said purprestures in consideration of 2 marks; but if by defect of enclosures the cattle of the said John or his heirs break into the said purprestures or closes, they shall not be impounded, unless it happen so constantly as to constitute a claim of seisin. Witnesses: John Sylueyn, Walter de la Ford, Richard de Bureton, Alexander de Wike, Richard son of Neel, Roger de la Slo, Robert de Mere.

R.III. f. 34*d*.

Grant and quitclaim by Walter the hundred[man] of Northcury to his lords Edward dean of Wells and the chapter in frank almoin of a piece of land called la Fotacre in Garston to them leased by Henry his father during his life; in consideration whereof Walter de Lechelade succentor of Wells, then warden of the manor of Northcury, leases to the said Walter for life 2 acres of purpresture in Haskemore which his said father formerly held. Witnesses: Geoffrey de la Slo, William Gwyen, Lawrence de Fonte, Roger Huet, Walter le Frye.

R.III. f. 37.

Gift by Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Geoffrey de la Slo of one acre of meadow in la Smethemore in their manor of Northc[ury], formerly held of them by Juliana de Stokes, to hold of them and their successors freely for ever at a yearly rent of 6*d*. for all demands saving the king's service, with warranty; and further of power to enclose and hold 2 acres of moor in Stathmore between the Westeretrench and the land of Walter Berewold by the meadow of the said Geoffrey on the west at a yearly rent of 12*d*.: for which the said Geoffrey has granted them power to enclose all those meadows and pastures called Corymoresmede, Leuresmede Yethe, Merydounesmede, Richemannesmede, Almeres-

yeth, Nelesmede, Henryesmede, Hughesmede, Slomede, Babbemede, Curymede, Haymore, Babbecroft, Wytenye, Pynkeham, Smethemore and the moor of Jaldehulle, Haskyemore, Edwynesmore, and all their purprestures in the manor of Northcury made before St. Dunstan's day 1280. Witnesses: Walter de Loueny knight, William de Bere, Richard de Nyweton, John de Marisco, James de Orchard, John de Pavely, Thomas de Mere.

R.III. f. 37.

Gift by Gilbert de Thorn to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of 6 acres of wood in Thorn by their wood of Halshangre on the west, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Philip de Cantilupo, Richard de Cam, Richard de London, Henry the hundred[man], William Buscel, Adam de Murydon, Roger Huet.

R.III. f. 37*d*.

Agreement between the dean and chapter on the one part and Dame Maud relict of Odo de Wandestreo on the other, granting that Dame Maud, so long as she live and dwell at Stade in the parish of Northcury, may have a chaplain at her cost to celebrate in the new built oratory at Stade, provided such chaplain first swear obedience to them, and take no oblation belonging to the church of Northcury or to the chapel of Stokes, nor any alms of man or woman of that parish, by reason of anniversary, trental, or any office for living or dead, without special licence of the chaplain of Northcury; in case of her absence from Stade such rites shall be suspended, and upon the day of her burial immediately for ever. Dame Maud has sworn to contrive nothing to the contrary, and Oliver Avenel has sworn likewise.

R.III. f. 38.

Gift by Roger Huzet to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of 6 acres and one piece of arable land and one acre of meadow in Hunteham—whereof one acre lies on the east side of la Morelane, 4 acres together in la Breche, one acre in Smethmoresland, one piece in la Welleheye, one acre of meadow in la Brechmede, with warranty, on failure whereof they may distrain in the tenements held of them by the grantor in Northcury; also quitclaim of half a virgate of land in Meridon, formerly of Robert de Stokes his uncle. Witnesses: Richard de London, Geoffrey de la Slo, William Gyan, Lawrence de Fonte, Walter the hundr[edman], Walter le Frye, Richard le Frye.

R.III. f. 38.

Grant by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter to Richard de Treigoz clerk, in name of a perpetual vicarage, of all tithes and obventions great and small of the church of Northcury and the chapel of Hacch, except the sheaves of corn in garden or field, the tithes of their mills and fisheries, the tithe of hay, and of their courts of Cury and Hacch; the said Richard having bound himself to them by fealty to serve the said church and chapel by himself and a fit chaplain. Dated iii non. October 1234. Witnesses: Alardus the chancellor, Richard de Keningeworth treasurer, Master Robert de Berkelay, Richard de Well', John Chauuel canons of Wells.

R.III. f. 38*d*.

Fine levied at Ivelcestre in the quinzaine of Trinity 47 Henry III, between the dean and chapter of Wells plaintiffs and Geoffrey de Scoland and Richard le Waleys, the latter having been summoned to shew by what right they claimed common of pasture on the plaintiffs' land in Northcury whereas plaintiffs had no such common on the land of the said Geoffrey and Richard, nor did the latter do them services by reason of which they ought to have common upon plaintiffs' land: plaintiffs acknowledge and grant that the said Geoffrey and Richard and their heirs may have common of pasture for all kinds of cattle upon their moor of Northcury called Seggemore for ever; that the dean and chapter will enclose their lands and meadows of Lutstok lying by the lands of Stawey and Cathangre of the said Geoffrey and Richard on the west, and if for want of enclosure the cattle of the said Geoffrey and Richard or their men stray thereon they shall not be impounded but driven off; and the said Geoffrey and Richard shall enclose their lands of Staweya and Cathangre, which lie everywhere towards the sun facing the said moor, with similar proviso: the said Geoffrey and Richard shall permit plaintiffs to have the watercourse of Cathangre spring as far as the dike between the said moor and the land of the said Geoffrey and Richard.

R.III. f. 39. (Somerset Record Soc. vi. 205.)

Demise and grant by the dean and chapter of Wells to Richard de la Well' and Cecily his wife of 6*s.* 8*d.* rent which Roger in la Toune used to pay them of the lands which he holds of them for his life in Northcury with all his service for the same, to hold the said rent and service and all the said tenement after the death of Roger freely of them for the lives of the said Richard and Cecily at a yearly rent of one rose, in consideration of a certain sum of money paid. Witnesses: Thomas de Mere, John de la Slo, Robert le Freys (de Ireys), John de Miridon, William Hughet, Robert Gyan, John de Cnappe (Knappe). Dated in the chapter of Wells, the conversion of St. Paul 1 Edward II.

R.III. f. 39*d.*: repeated f. 213.

Submission of William Colne to John de Godelegh dean of Wells; publicly acknowledging that he has entered against their will upon the soil of the dean and chapter in their manor of Northcury, and wrongfully levelled their dikes there made for the watercourse running towards their mill of Knappe to be new built, and has aided therein; and undertaking to hear and accept the dean's will thereupon on the feast of All Souls. William Gyan and William Boscel mainpernors for further security. Dated Wells, Tuesday before St. Simon and St. Jude 10 Edward II.

R.III. f. 39*d.*

Similar submission by William Gyan (mainpernors William Boscel and William Colne), and by William Boscel (mainpernors William Gyan and William Colne). Same date.

R.III. f. 40.

Fine levied at Ivelcestre in the quinzaine of Trinity 47 Henry III, between Edward dean of Wells and the chapter plaintiffs, and John de Aure deforciant, of the judgments and execution thereof and of thieves within the plaintiffs' liberty of Northcury; whereby plaintiffs shall have in future attachments, judgments, executions of judgments of fugitives, outlaws and thieves taken and their chattels upon the deforciant's lands of Stathes; may enclose the meadows and pastures called Corymormede, Leuerymede Yetta, Meridonesmede, Richemannesmede, Almereshey (Alouereshey), Nelesmede, Henryesmede, Edwynesmede, Hughesmede, Slomede, Babbemede, Curymede, Haymor, Babbecroft (Bubbecroft), Wytteney, Haskymor (Haskymorere), Pynkeham (Pynkelegeham), Smethmor, and Jaldehull (Jaltehull) Moor, and 40 acres of meadow in Corymor (by the king's perch), and if plaintiffs or their successors be impleaded by the free men of deforciant or of his heirs of Stathe concerning common of pasture therein, deforciant and his heirs will warrant them: in return plaintiffs grant that deforciant may have 40 acres of moor (by the king's perch) in Stathemore on the north side of his meadow in Stathes, with power to enclose the same, saving the tithe thereof if converted into meadow or arable (*cultura*), and undertaking to warrant him if impleaded; the cattle of either party to be driven off when straying; they quitclaim all suits of deforciant to their hundred of Northcury, provided he and his heirs come there upon summons to answer any plaint made to the bailiff of the hundred, and any of his men likewise to answer any plaint except that of one of deforciant's men, saving to deforciant and his heirs their court of all their men for all manner of pleas save of the hue raised or shedding of blood: and grant that deforciant and his heirs shall have all their men of Stath in one tithing, to answer by their own tithingman yearly in the said hundred at two law days, and present without trouble all pleas which pertain to view of frankpledge, and shall have all mercies, fines, amercements and amends issuing from the sale of bread and ale, the hue raised, shedding of blood, and other trespasses of their men of Stath free or villeins, saving to plaintiffs 12*d.* a year for the redemption thereof, at the law day after Michaelmas 6*d.*, and at the law day after Hockeday 6*d.*: deforciant's free men of Stath to perform their suit to the said hundred as they used to do.

R.III. f. 40: repeated f. 49. (Somerset Record Soc., vi. 189).

Writ addressed to the sheriff of Somerset upon a judgment (by default) in the king's court at Westminster in a suit of the dean and chapter of Wells against Robert abbot of Athelnye, Elias Spelly and Richard Brice, directing him to give the dean and chapter seisin of common of pasture in 40 acres of moor called Saltemore held by the said abbot, 40 acres of moor held by the said Elias, and 60 acres of moor held by the said Richard, for them and their men of Northcory for fourscore beasts, without let of John de Alra and Agnes his wife, by virtue of a fine levied at Westminster in a month of St. Hilary 18 Henry III, between Peter dean of Wells and the chapter plaintiffs (by John de Templo their attorney) and John de Alra and Agnes deforciants, of a dike raised

in the said pasture of Saltemore and the enclosure of the plaintiffs' wood of Stokes. Tested by R. Dealk' (Bealknap), Westminster, 23 May 9 Richard II. (Reference to Hilary term last, roll 311.)

R.III f. 41. See below, p 419.

Note that in like manner in Michaelmas term 12 Richard II, before Sir Robert de Cherleton justice of the Common Bench, the dean and chapter recovered (by default) against John Beauchamp of Lillesdon knight their common of pasture for fourscore beasts in 100 acres of the moor of the said John in Saltemore; whereupon a writ was addressed to John Moigne knight sheriff of Somerset, directing him to give them seisin of such common; and the sheriff gave orders accordingly to William Richeman bailiff of the liberty of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and he to the bailiff of the hundred of Northcory and to Thomas Casbrok, and they on the 14 December in the same year gave seisin to Sir Robert de Purle steward of Northcory and attorney of the dean and chapter.

R.III. f. 41*d*.

Institution by Giles bishop of Salisbury of Geoffrey de Merkysbury chaplain to the vicarage of Bokelond upon the presentation of William de Button canon of Wells and rector of Bokelond, to reside according to the new constitution of Ottobonus; with portions in all oblations from parishioners coming to the said church or the chapels thereto annexed, in the small tithes of free men and villeins of the whole parish, the Glastonbury manor there excepted; the vicar to have a manse with curtilage and meadow adjoining for the maintenance of his horse; but all further tithes, the great tithes and mortuaries, all small tithes of the Glastonbury manor there, the rectory manse and the demesne lands of the church to belong to the rector and his successors: the vicar to perform divine service in the church and chapels, keep safe, clean, and cause to be repaired the books and ornaments of the church, and support his share of the charges ordinary and extraordinary.

R.III. f. 41*d*.

Ordinance of Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter, upon the petition of John de Tauestoke vicar of the church of Modeford (to them appropriated) in the diocese of Bath and Wells, reciting that the vicarage consisted of houses and gardens on the south side of the churchyard, tithes of fulling and water mills, vivaries, warrens, parks, gardens, feedings, pastures and woods within the parish, tithes of the young of cows, mares, geese, hens, swine, bees, goats, doves, ducks, swans, peahens, and other animals feeding therein, tithes of fishings, fowlings, huntings, gains of merchandise, and of carpenters, tailors, smiths, websters and brewsters and of the crafts of other parishioners, and goods lawfully acquired, and of their oblations, mortuaries and legacies (the tithes of corn and hay excepted and reserved), and assigning to increase the same 40*s*. a year more of the proventions of the said church payable half yearly by their farmer to the said John and his successors, who shall find one priest to celebrate and minister in chapels and other places, shall acknowledge all the archdeacon's

charges (his procuration by reason of his visitation excepted), shall find bread, wine and light for divine service, shall keep the books and ornaments of the church, and repair the vicarage houses, the said procuration and other charges resting on the dean and chapter. Dated in the chapter of Wells, vii kal. August 1340.

R.III. f. 42.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John Mohoun lord of Dunsterre, dated Dunsterre 8 April 32 Edward III, and witnessed by John de Ralee, Edward Stradelyng knights, Thomas de Rale, John Roche and Simon Brette, of a quitclaim made by his grandfather John de Mohun knight to John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors of the lordship of Bikenalre in the town of Stokgomer, with messuages, lands, rents and royalties whatsoever to him belonging when the same was held of him by Richard de Wyndesore or at any time ; witnessed by John de Clyvedon, John de Erlee, Hugh de Langlond, Ralph de Fisoure, Simon de Roche, John Brette, John de Derburgh, William de Coumbe, and dated Dunsterre, Sunday after St. John *ante Portam Latinam* 1330.

R.III. f. 43*d*.

Indenture of accord, made at Woky on Monday after the Nativity of St. John Baptist 25 Edward III, between Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part, and Walter abbot of Glastingbure on the other, fixing the boundaries of their lordships between Landsherlegh and Batthyngwere, namely from the ancient bound of Landsherlegh called Aysshenestile by a hedge below the highway which is the boundary between their lordships to the new made barrow by the corner of the wood of the succentor of Wells towards the south, [excluding ?] the succentor's wood in the parish of Pulton ; thence to another new barrow southward, which is the chief bound on that side ; thence straight to Heortelake bridge, and thence the watercourse called Heortelake shall be the boundary from the said bridge to the bound called Batthyngwere : the part north of the said bounds shall belong wholly to the bishop, saving to the abbot an easement of 20 feet in width by the watercourse between the aforesaid bounds to scour the same, the soil thereof remaining to the bishop, and the bishop having a moiety of the fishery in the said watercourse between the said bounds : the part to the south shall remain wholly to the abbot, as parcel of the manor of Glastingbure, with the other moiety of the fishery : the bishop may raise a weir for taking fish, and the abbot another, where their predecessors used so to do, and the abbot shall have space on the bishop's soil to build or repair the said bridge : none shall be deprived of their common in the places before mentioned by reason of this accord, but shall have the same as before. (*French.*)

R.III. f. 44.

Indenture of accord made 9 June 1394, between Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and John abbot of Athelneye and the convent on the other, upon the intervention of Sir Peter Courtenay knight and others, first that a

yearly rent of 6*d.* claimed by the dean and chapter for a moor or waste called Priorismore (the locality whereof was in doubt) held of them as of the manor of Northcory shall be paid by the abbot in future, but without liability to suit or fealty by reason thereof other than they were anciently bound to do: also that the abbey tenants of the tithing of Corylode, free or neifs, shall perform the office of tithingman in their turn or when chosen by their neighbours, and shall make presentments in the hundred or court of Northcory: also that the dike dividing Corymormede from a meadow in Lenge called Brademede (the ownership whereof was uncertain) shall belong to the dean and chapter, but it shall be scoured once at Michaelmas next at the joint cost of both parties, and if afterwards the abbot's cattle stray upon Corymor[me]de they shall be driven off and not impounded: also that the soil of a watercourse where the river Tone used to flow, which belonged wholly to the dean and chapter until they diverted the said river and levelled the ancient course with the adjacent meadows, but has since been usurped by the abbey, shall be restored to them, the boundaries beginning on the west at the eastern corner of Coryndonesclos, thence straight along the new dike which shall belong to the dean and chapter eastward to Werehurst, thence northward by a dike of the abbey between Langemede and Werehurst, eastward by the dike between [the latter and] Bathmede, and southward between the abbot's thicket and Werehurst to the end of a four foot dike at Baltismere, as far as the Lenge road, and along the road to the river Tone: also that the abbey and its tenants shall pay to the dean and chapter tithes great and small for ground in Saltmore wholly within the parish of Northcory (the church whereof is appropriated to the dean and chapter) formerly waste, which they have acquired in severalty, whereon the dean and chapter had common, with 13*s.* 4*d.* in name of tithe, which the abbey has not paid, and shall find a way for their ministers to collect and carry such tithes to the river Tone; and shall allow them to build a bridge over the river Tone and drive piles to support it on the abbey soil, provided the same be removed when the tithes are collected. Witnesses: Sir Peter Courtenay, Sir John Lorty, Sir Robert Yevelton knights, John Fitelton, Peter Yevelton, John Mountagu, Hugh Caucy.

R.III. ff. 44*d.*-46*d.*

Accord between John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and John de Cnappe in the hundred of Northcory on the other, whereby John de Cnappe grants to the dean and chapter power to make and scour a watercourse to a new mill from the town of Hamme to Eneheye on his demesne land or any other whereon he has common; also the soil of a road from the town of Hamme to the new mill along the said watercourse, and the soil of a new road from the said new watercourse to old Cnappe mill; also a road 6 feet wide above the pond from the old mill to the head of the old mill pond on the south side, saving to him and his heirs the trees there growing: for which the dean and chapter quitclaim their common of his moor between

the great rhine and the road by the said new watercourse, granting him power to enclose and hold the same in severalty, and likewise a piece of land adjacent to his manse, and the said new watercourse. Dated in the chapter of Wells, Monday before the Purification 1316.

In the margin: *Composicio inter antecessores Roberti Bolisdon et decanum et capitulum.*

R.III. f. 46*d*.

Indenture of accord, made at Welles the second Monday in Lent 3 Henry IV, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and William Beauchamp lord of a moiety of the manor of Lillesdone and Stathe on the other, whereby the said William disclaims all right in the fishery of the water of Tone belonging to their manor of Northcory (which they had as a several fishery from time immemorial), and in the agistments of the cattle of divers strangers upon the moors of the lordship of Northcory; also the right of cutting and selling or burning palms (*spatulas*) growing upon the said moors (saving his common rights); and of hunting or fowling within their warren of Northcory without their leave, with bond in 10 marks for observance of the same. Witnesses: Thomas Broke, William Bonvill', Walter Rodenye, Baldwin Malett knights, John Manyford, John Stourton, Thomas Stotwell.

R.III. f. 47.

Indenture made at Welles 1 October 1389, between Master Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and John Beauchamp of Lillesdon knight, Richard de Clyvedon (son and heir of Matthew de Clyvedon) and Elias Spelly on the other, reciting that the said John, Elias and Matthew held in common an extensive moor called Saltmore within the parish of Northcory (where the dean and chapter are lords and parsons) whereon the abbot and convent of Athelnye had common for all their cattle, and Richard Brice for his life had common for a certain number with reversion to William Bonville and his heirs; and the said John, Elias and Matthew granted about 180 acres of the said moor to the said abbot and convent in severalty for a release of their common rights in the residue, and about 30 acres to the said William and Richard Brice similarly, after which the said John, Elias and Matthew divided the residue between them (namely a moiety to the said John, a fourth part to Elias, and a fourth part to Matthew); and that afterwards the dean and chapter recovered upon a *scire facias* in the king's court against the tenants of the several parcels aforesaid pasture for fourscore cattle upon the whole moor at all times of the year by virtue of a fine; in exchange for which right of pasture the said John, Richard and Elias now give to the dean and chapter a yearly rent of 4 marks payable quarterly in proportional parts for a term of 50 years, with power to distrain, and the dean and chapter renounce the said pasture so long as the said rent shall be paid, reserving a right, in case the rent of either of them shall be in arrear, to pasture a proportional number of cattle upon the moor belonging to the defaulter and

upon that belonging to the abbey and to William Bonvill. Witnesses: John Fypayn, John de Rodneye, Thomas Broke, John de Lurtye knights, Frank Scolond (Stolond), Peter de Yvelton, Hugh Caucy.

R.III. f. 48: repeated f. 69.

Rental of Newport.

John atte Brygge messuage and arable land (2 acres); rent 2*s.*; suit of the court of Niwport: common on all moors etc. of Northcory. Reversion to his son or other right heir, relief 4*s.* (two years' rent), and the lord shall have custody and marriage of the heir. No payment due for a daughter's marriage; but notice must be given to the bailiff of Newport borough, and by him to the bailiff of Northcory: no heriot or mortuary, because all tenements in the borough were of the lords' demesne, by livery of Sir Robert Berkele their steward. (In margin: now W. Meridon in fee.)

Thomas Hugh, 1 acre with house, 3 perches of meadow, 1 acre of wood: rent 2*s.* 3*d.* etc. as above. (Now W. Drugh' in fee.)

Alice Britel 1 acre and 1 acre of meadow: rent 2*s.* (Now Robert Hopere in fee.)

Robert Curteys 1 acre with house, 1 acre of meadow, 1 acre of wood: rent 2*s.* 6*d.* (Now Th. Milis).

John Faber 2 acres with house, 2 acres of meadow: rent 4*s.* (Now W. Meridon).

Alice Britell 1 acre with house, 1 acre of wood: rent 15*d.*

Robert Curteys 1 acre, 1 acre meadow, 1 acre wood: rent 2*s.* 3*d.*

Simon Ury 1 acre with house, 1 acre wood: rent 15*d.*

John in the Hurne 2 acres with house, rent 3*s.* (Now in the chapter's hands: held of them by W. Cibbus).

Robert Shire 1 acre with house, 1 acre of wood: rent 15*d.*

Robert Martyn 1 acre with house, 1 acre of wood: rent 15*d.*

Stephen the sutor 1 acre with house: rent 12*d.*

Cristina Borewold and Alice her sister 1 acre with house, 1 acre of meadow, 1 acre of wood: rent 2*s.* 3*d.*

John atte Hurne 2 acres with house, 2 acres of meadow, 1 acre of wood: rent 4*s.* 3*d.*

Philip Bouswayn ½ acre with house, ½ acre of meadow, ½ acre of wood: rent 13½*d.*

John Borewold, as the last.

Robert Shire 1 acre with house: rent 12*d.*

William le Poyer, as the last.

Robert Russell 2 acres with house, 2 acres of meadow, 1 acre of wood: rent 3*s.* 6*d.*

Robert Curteys 1 acre at Twelfacres, as overland, for the lives of himself and his wife according to the custom of the manor of Northcory: rent 3*d.*

Alice Britel 2 acres at Twelfacres and 1 acre at la Breche similarly for life: rent 9*d.*

Robert Curteys similarly 2 acres at Twelfacres and 1 acre at la Breche : rent 9*d.*

Simon Ury similarly 1 acre at Twelfacres : rent 3*d.*

The said Simon similarly 1 acre at la Medheye : rent 8*d.* (Now William Lane, for life).

The said Simon similarly 1½ acres in Bouekysheye : rent 18*d.*

Alice Britell similarly 1½ acres of meadow there : rent 18*d.*

John Borewold similarly 1 acre at Twelfacres : rent 3*d.*

The said John similarly 1 piece of land at la Combe : rent 12*d.* (Now Walter Gurnad for life).

Philip Bouswayn similarly 1 acre at Twelfacres : rent 3*d.*

Walter Rouk similarly 1 acre there : rent 3*d.*

Robert Russell similarly 1 acre there : rent 3*d.*

The said Robert similarly ½ acre there : rent 4*d.*

The said Robert similarly 1 acre at la Yoldelane : rent 8*d.*

John Curteys 5 acres of arable and ½ acre of meadow in Gostelond : rent 11*d.* (Now Walter Estermere for life).

Robert Martyn 5 acres of arable and ½ acre of meadow : rent 11*d.*, and to plough 1 perch of the lord's land every other year in the fields which were formerly of ancient demesne, and reap 1 perch of wheat or oats every year. (Now the said Walter, as above).

Total 48*s.* 9*d.* (altered in a later hand to 49*s.* 9*d.*)

John le Bole one piece of land of the highway for life by livery of Sir Philip de Odyham steward : rent 6*d.*, and has raised a house thereon.

John Faber one daywork (*daynam*) of land of the highway for the lives of himself and his wife by livery of Sir Philip : rent 6*d.*, and has raised a smithy thereon.

Total (in the later hand) 50*s.* 9*d.*

R.III. ff. 50-52.

Burnham.

Rental of the parsonage, made and examined by Sir Robert de Perle steward, Nicholas Grygory, John Mayhu, John Quyk, Robert Quarme, Thomas Peny and Edmund Huelet tenants, St. Margaret's day 1392.

John Mayhew for 12 acres of land built on, old aster, 4*s.*

Edmund Huelet 3 acres built on, old aster, 15*d.*

The said Edmund, 5½ acres, overland, 2*s.* 9*d.*

John Heruy, 2 acres built on, old aster, 2*s.*

The relict of Thomas Snaylisham, 6 acres, overland, 4*s.*

Thomas Peny, 12 acres built on, old aster, 4*s.*

The said Thomas, 3 acres, overland, 18*d.*

John Quyk, 12 acres built on, old aster, 4*s.*

Nicholas Gregory, 4 acres built on, old aster, 4*s.*

Robert Quarme, 6 acres built on, old aster 4*s.*

William Marys, 3½ acres, overland, 2*s.*

Richard Peter, 4 acres, overland in Huwich, 2*s.*

John Mody, 1 acre, overland, 12*d.*

Walter Hardynge, 1 acre, overland, 12*d.*

Total 35*s.* 6*d.* (*sic*).

R.III. f. 52.

Indenture of accord made on the vigil of All Saints 1427, between John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter (lords of the manor and hundred of Northcory and rectors of the church there) on the one part and John abbot of the monastery of the Holy Saviour of Athelneye and the convent on the other, whereby the dean and chapter (for that the abbot for the time being is a canon and brother of their church) discharge and release to him the suit they claimed of him at the courts, hundreds and halmotes of Northcory, and the payment of tithes for 9 acres of meadow in the parish of Northcory (6 acres in three closes between the water of Tone and Corylodishill, 1½ acres in Proutesmede, and 1½ acres in Brodemede) wherefrom the abbey claimed to be exempt from time immemorial, saving to them all other tithes within the said parish, and other suits; and grant that the abbot and convent may have a bridge 4 feet wide over their dike, between their close below their court of Westleng and the dean and chapter's moor called Corymor, at the end of a lane which extends southward direct from the said court to the said dike (which it was alleged that the abbey had newly within memory and wrongfully erected), in order to drive their cattle (swine excepted) to the said moor, provided there be a gate or bars to prevent other beasts straying on or off the moor, and any such damages be assessed by the steward and paid by the abbey; and the abbot and convent quitclaim all right in a weir in the water of Tone between the thicket of the abbey at Athelneye and the dean and chapter's moor called Stathmore, and in the fishery in the dean and chapter's water or river of Tone.

R.III. f. 52*d*.

Custumal of the Tenants of Northcory Church.

Labour.

Cory.—Simon de Domerham, ½ fardel of land, with messuage, curtilage and meadows: to do the duties of sacrist, and receive certain allowances, *gestum* at Christmas and medhale next day, with common on the moors etc.

(In margin: Office now held by Robert Hymerford.)

See Somerset Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. xx, *Suppl.* p. 67.

Muriden:—John de Muridene, a messuage with curtilage, 1 fardel of land with meadow: gavel rent 3*s*., 1*d*. of St. Peter on August 1, 3*d*. for morryght etc.: to reap, mow etc., and have corrody etc., *gestum* at Christmas and medale on St. Stephen's day, common on the moors etc.: to serve as reeve or *berebrittus* if chosen: *nec debet filiam suam sine licencia domini maritare licet adventicius, quia dum teneat servilem tenuram erit servilis condicionis, nec filios suos ad litteraturam ponend' et ordinand' sine licencia racione qua prius.*

Ibid., p. 68.

Robert le Fhisshere, a messuage, ½ fardel of land with meadow: gavel 2*s*., St. Peter 1*d*., churset 4 hens and a cock, for every pig killed ½*d*.: services as the last.

Richard Artur, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s*., services as before.

Walter Smale, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services as before.

Walter Montayn, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, moreryght 3*d.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

William Draycote, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 20*d.*, services as before.

Maud Trosseloue, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

CORY.—Thomas Simond, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 3*s.* 4*d.*, services as before. (Margin: Now William Weel.)

Robert Cog, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, services as before. (Now W. Roket.)

Joan Poer, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.*, moreryght 1*d.*, services as before. (Now J. Gale.)

Gilbert Portifer, messuage and 1½ fardel: gavel 20*d.*, moreright 2*d.*, services as before. (Now J. Fox.)

William Dobyn, messuage and curtilage (½ acre): gavel 3*s.*, services as above. (William Meltun.)

William de Bikenhull, messuage and ½ virgate with wood and meadow adjacent: gavel 5*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, lesesilver at Midsummer 1*d.*, wood gavel 9*d.*, services as before. (Lustok.)

Roger Corteys, messuage and 1 fardel, with wood etc.: gavel 4*s.* 2*d.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, lesesilver 1*d.*, wood gavel 9*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services as before.

William Beaufere, messuage and 1 fardel, with wood etc.: gavel 3*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, lesesilver 1*d.*, wood gavel 9*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services as before.

John atte Bergh, messuage and 1 fardel, with wood etc.: gavel 2*s.* 6*d.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, lesesilver 1*d.*, wood gavel 9d., services as before.

Philip de Lustok, messuage and 1 fardel, with wood etc.: gavel 3*s.*, lesesilver 1*d.*, wood gavel 9*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services as before.

John le Palmere, messuage and 1 fardel, with wood etc.: gavel 2s. 10*d.*, lesesilver 1*d.*, woodgavel 9*d.*, services as before.

HILLOND.—John Loue, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, services as before.

Alice Alward, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 5*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, moreryth 1*d.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

William Springod, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, moreryght 2*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services as before.

John Margerie, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

Christina Coterel, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s*, services as before.

Maud relict of Richard Osegod, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2s., services as before.

Richard Daniolde, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, morright 1*d.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

Richard and John Gente, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, moreright 2*d.*, services as before: heriot on the decease of either.

John Nyweman, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 2*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, churset 4 hens and a cock, services as before.

William atte Mere, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.*, St. Peter 1*d.*, moreright 2*d.*, churset 2 bushels of wheat, services and dues as John de Muriden, but he shall mow the first swathe the length of the meadow and no more, and afterwards be overseer of the mowers.

Cory.—Robert Cosyn, messuage and 1 acre: gavel 12*d.*: to come to Brodemede and toss the hay behind the mowers as long as they are mowing, other services and dues as before.

Lucy Dobyn, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

Simon le Schippere, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as Muriden, except mowing.

John le Schippere, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 8*d.*, services as the last.

Muriden.—Robert Copyner, messuage and 1 acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

Richard le Noreys, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

John de Draycote and Nicholas le Fysshere, messuage and 1½ acres: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

Mazelina Baret, messuage and 1½ acres: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

Joan the laundress, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as the last.

Geoffrey Baret, messuage and ½ acre: gavel 8*d.*, services as the last. Also a piece of land by his curtilage: 9*d.* for all services.

Gilbert Coppyng', messuage and 4 acres with meadow: gavel 2*s.*: services as Cosyn, but has fined to be released during his life, and pays for gavel 3*s.* having common, *gestum*, and medale as Muriden: heriot after his disease.

Stok'.—Maud Brounesmyth, messuage and 1 acre: gavel 2*s.*, services as Muriden, except mowing.

Lillesdon.—Simon Ory, messuage and 1 fardel at Lillesdon: gavel 3*s.*, services as Muriden. Memorandum that this is not of the tenure of the men of the church, but the dean and chapter had it of the gift of the lords of Lillesdone.

Memorandum that none of the homage aforesaid, unless free, may have more than one cotsetle: if he has more, the lord shall have for all save one 6*d.* apiece.

Memorandum that upon the decease of a neif the younger son shall succeed to his father's tenement, according to the custom of the manor, in preference to any other, if he have a right thereto, provided he content the lord for his entry at the will of the lord.

Payable quarterly.	Total gavel 4*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*
August 1.	Peter's pence 15*d.*
At the Purification.	Moreryght 17*d.*
At Midsummer.	Lesesilver 6*d.*
Half-yearly.	Wood gavel 4*s.* 6*d.*
At Martinmas.	Churset of hens, 40.
	Churset of wheat, 1*qr.* 6 *bus.*
	Total in money, 105*s.* 7*d.*

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NORTHCORY.

Custumal of the lands and tenements of the homage of the king's ancient demesne, made 1314 by oath of William Hughet, John atte Hurne, John Paerl, Robert atte Mere, Roger atte Wode, William de Mere, John Artur, Richard le Wyte, Robert Uppehulle and Thomas de Estmere, chosen by the said homage.

Hundredman.

John de Cnappe and Margaret his wife, Adam le Henr' and Margery his wife and their tenants, 2½ virgates with messuages, curtilages, gardens, woods, pastures and meadows adjoining: the said John is the king's bailiff in the hundred of Northcory, receives and executes his writs, and returns them by William Colne, Richard le Frye, and the heirs of Walter le Frensche: of every prisoner in the Stochouse he shall have 4*d.* or his outer garment, of every man or knave of the out hundred entering in an assize his hundred penny; also his *gestum* at Christmas with two others, namely two white loaves, as much beer as they will drink in the day, a mess of beef and of bacon with mustard, one of browis of hen, and a cheese, fuel to cook his food and that of the other tenants of the king's ancient demesne, and to burn from dinner time till even and afterwards, and two candles of assize to burn out while they sit and drink one after the other if they will sit so long, and if he come not he may send three men in his stead, or send for the bread, beef and bacon and two gallons of beer; and the next day immediately after noon his medale with one man, as much beer as he will drink till even; also common for all manner of his beasts on all common moors in the hundred of Northcory quit of herbage: to do suit to the hundred court twice a year, and at any court when there be a plea upon the king's writ, or judgments be in suspense for lack of suitors, and at gaol deliveries: heriot at his decease, his best beast.

Writ Servers.

William Colne, ½ virgate, messuage etc.: rent 1*lb.* of cumin at Michaelmas: he shall carry the king's writs addressed to the said hundredman anywhere within the county at his own cost or without the county at the king's cost: suit of court, *gestum*, medale, common and heriot as the last.

Richard le Frye, ½ virgate, messuage etc.: as the last, save that he pays no rent.

Socmen.

John de la Sloo, at la Sloo and Northcory, 6½ fardels, with messuage, woods etc.: gavel 11*s.* 8*d.*: suit of court, *gestum*, medale, common and heriot as before. (Margin: Marg' Sloo).

Thomas de Mere, 1½ virgates, messuage, woods, etc.: gavel 12*s.*: to come to Kyngesmede wearing white gloves with a white wand as overseer of the mowers, and those that toss the hay behind them: suit of court etc. as before, and further at his *gestum* one capon to be served with his browis. (In the lord's hands: therefore has no *gestum*).

Simon de Domerham and Ascelin his wife, ¼ of 3 fardels, messuage, woods etc.: gavel 19½*d.*, to come to Kyngesmede as the last: the rest as before. (Peter Jevelton).

Philip Yreys, ¼ of 3 fardels, messuage, woods etc.: gavel 19½*d.*; suit of court and common as above: no *gestum*. (Now W. Walsch.)

Dru and Lucy relict of John Dru, ¼ of 3 fardels, messuage, woods etc.: gavel 19½*d.* etc., as the last.

Richard the carpenter, 6 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow: rent 6*d.*: no *gestum*.

Gilbert Coppyng', ½ fardel and meadow at Babbeclyve, with messuage adjoining in Lenge, belonging to the chantry of St. Mary's chapel at Northcory: gavel 2*s.* 6*d.*: *gestum*, medale and common as before: suit at the hundred court on two law days.

William Gyayn, 3 fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 12*s.* 8*d.*: shall have 6 loads of alder a year for housebote and heybote in Stathmore by charter: *gestum*, medale, common, suit of court and heriot as before. (*Gestum* void, because in the lord's hands).

John Muriden, 3 fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 20*s.*: suit of court *gestum*, medale, common, and heriot as before. (Robert Hymerford tenant).

The said John de Muriden, ½ fardel and meadow at Babbeclyve, with messuage adjoining at Lenge: gavel 2*s.* 6*d.*: suit of court, *gestum*, medale and common as before. (Now Robert Hymerford).

Hugh de la Hele, 3 fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 11*s.* 1*d.*: suit of court, *gestum*, medale, common and heriot as before. Now in the lord's hand, except dower which Alice atte Hele has. (*Gestum* void).

Tenants in Villenage in Northcory.

Robert de la Chaumbre, ½ virgate of land, with messuage, curtilage, and meadows adjoining: gavel 4*s.*: to plough and harrow ½ acre for winter sowing, and ½ acre for oats (value each ploughing 2*d.*, each harrowing ½*d.*); to come to Kyngesmede with his rod as overseer of the mowers and haymakers 2 days (value 2*d.*), and to the lord's court as overseer of the rickmakers, and have that day his meat and drink with the bailiff: to reap and bind ½ acre of wheat and ½ acre of oats in the king's demesne fields of Cnolleforlang, Merehulle and Baccumbe (value 2*d.* each): to act as reeve

and *berebrittus* when chosen; when reeve to be quit of gavel and work, have his meat and drink, and his draught horse to hay in winter in the lord's stable and in summer at pasture with the lord's plough horse, and when *berebrittus* likewise (except his horse in stable and pasture): to go with the free men to make views within the hundred: not to marry his daughter without contenting the lord, nor put his son to learning without licence: common as the hundredman: if impleaded for his tenement judgment shall be given by his peers as in another plea: *gestum* and medale as before: heriot his best beast, if no beast the best acre of land sown, if none no heriot; and the relict shall hold his tenement for life without a fine.

John atte Hurne, 3 fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 4*s.*: ploughing and harrowing as before; to thresh and winnow one bushel of seed corn and two bushels of oats (value ¼*d.* each) and one bushel of corn for the *gestum*: to come to Kyngesmede with his neighbours to toss, turn and lift the hay till the rick be made, and find one man, one wain, two oxen, one fork and one cartrope for carrying the same to the barton (value 2*d.*): to reap, bind and stack ½ acre of wheat (value 2*d.*), and ½ acre of oats value 2*d.*, finding one man etc. (as above) for one day to carry two loads to the lord's grange at Cory, and have for himself and his fellows one sheaf made with a band long enough to go twice round the reeve's head, and likewise with two loads of oats, and he may unyoke his oxen in the meadow or fields aforesaid till the wain be filled: he may put his sons to learning and marry his daughters without licence: to serve as reeve or *berebrittus*, and have common, *gestum* and medale as before: heriot as the last.

William Fraunkeleyn, ½ virgate and ½ fardel, messuage etc.: gavel 4*s.*: the rest as the last, but no threshing for the *gestum*, and no carrying, only to find one man and two oxen to yoke to the said John's wain, taking his share of the said sheaf.

Roger atte Venne, 1½ fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 3*s.*: to plough and harrow 1 perch for wheat and 1 perch for oats (value of ploughing 1*d.*, harrowing ¼*d.*), and thresh seed for the same, namely ½ bushel of wheat and 1 bushel of oats, also 1 bushel of wheat for the *gestum*: to come with one man to Kyngesmede to mow (value 1*d.*), to turn and lift until the rick be made (value 1*d.*), and find one man and two oxen to yoke to the wain of John atte Hurne for carrying hay (value 1*d.*): to reap, bind and stack ½ acre of wheat for one day, and ½ acre of oats for one day (value 2*d.* each), and find one man and two oxen to yoke to the wain of John atte Hurne (value 1*d.*) and take his share of the sheaf: he must go with the free men to make views; if he marry his daughter without or within the hundred he shall acquit her towards the lord as Richard atte Chaumbre (*non sine licentia*: margin), and may put his son to learning: to be reeve or *berebrittius* as before,

and have common, *gestum*, and medale: if impleaded in the lord's court judgment shall be given by his peers: heriot and widow's right as before.

William Edwyne, 1½ fardels, messuage etc.: gavel 3*s.*: to fetch the lord's corrody and the steward's from Tanton, Ilemynystre and Langport when he comes to Northcory, and sup in the lord's court with other servants on his return: to come to Kyngesmede with one man and toss behind the mowers (value 1*d.*): other services and customs as before, but he shall not mow, nor go with the free men to views, and may marry his daughters without licence: further to find one house to keep prisoners in when required.

William Brygge (Roger Bat, written above), 1 fardel, messuage etc.: gavel 20*d.*: to plough and harrow 1 perch for winter wheat and 1 perch for oats, and thresh and winnow seed for the same, also one bushel of wheat for the *gestum*: to come to Kyngesmede with one man to toss behind the mowers (value ½*d.*), to turn and lift (value 1*d.*), and to the lord's court with one man to make the winter rick: to reap, bind and stack ½ acre of wheat one day, and ½ acre of oats another day in the king's fields, also with one man one day to the lord's grange to stack the wheat carried by the tenants of the king's ancient demesne from the king's fields (two loads in each man's wain), and take one sheaf, and to stack oats one day likewise: to fetch the corrody as the last: he may put his sons to learning, but not marry his daughters save as before: to be reeve or *berebruttus* as before: suit at the hundred and halmote courts as before: common, *gestum* and medale as before, but he must bring with him to the *gestum* his own cloth, cup and trencher, and take away all that is left on his cloth, and shall have for himself and his neighbours one wastel cut in three for the ancient Christmas game to be played with the said wastel: if impleaded in the lord's court on a plea of land judgment shall be given by 12 jurors as before: heriot and widow's right as before.

William Paerl, 1 fardel, messuage etc.: gavel 3*s.*: may marry his daughters without licence: the rest as Roger Bat, but *gestum* as John de Cnappe.

Stephen de Cory, 1 fardel, messuage etc.: gavel 20*d.*: may marry his daughters without licence: the rest as Roger Bat, but no ploughing, harrowing, threshing or winnowing.

William and N. sons of John atte Hurne, 1 fardel, messuage etc.: to make shares for two ploughs of the lord's iron and charcoal, and shoes for the fore feet of one plough horse, and have his sulghmete, namely 1 bushel of corn a year: have fined with the lord for release of the said labour for their lives, paying 2*s.* 6*d.* yearly gavel: may marry their daughters without licence as above: to be reeve or *berebruttus* as before: common, *gestum* and medale as before: if impleaded for their tenements judgment to be given by 12 jurors as before: heriot as before, and widow's right to the wife of William.

William atte Berghe, 1 fardel, messuage etc. : gavel 2*s.* : services and customs as Roger Bat, but only to reap 1 perch of wheat and 1 perch of oats : may marry his daughters without licence : must go with the free men to views.

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Custumal of Wynescombe.

One day's ploughing 2½*d.*, ploughing 1 acre 4*d.*, harrowing 1*d.*, haulage 2*s.*, one day's mowing 1*d.*, one day's carriage 4*d.*, one day's reaping 1½*d.*, daywork ½*d.*

Inquisition by John West of Sidecote then reeve, Nicholas Bulemer, Henry le Url, Walter le White, Henry de la Hale, William de Thinghurst, William de la Stone, 1290.

Free Tenants.

Robert de la Nye, 1 virgate and 12 acres of moor : rent 16*s.* : suit at the lord's court every 3 weeks : enfeoffed by bishop William and dean Edward : heriot, a horse and harness or his best beast. (Margin : Robert Cheddre. Now Lord de Lyle).

Hugh de Langelonde, 1 virgate and 1 acre : rent 8*s.* : suit of court and heriot as before : enfeoffed as before. (Richard Acton. Now Barbe).

Henry le Frye, 1 virgate : rent 12*s.* : suit of court etc. as before. (Now William Pleysted).

William de Molendino, ½ virgate with water mill : rent 8*s.* : suit of court and heriot as above : held by ancient tenure, to do two boon ploughings (value 5*d.*). Also one piece of meadow by Wamenhill in exchange for arable land in Brunerigge : additional rent 3*d.* at Michaelmas (Robert Chedder. Now Lord de Lyle).

Adam le Frye of Barthon, ½ virgate : rent 2*s.* and 12*d.* lard money : two boon ploughings, as he ploughs his own land : heriot as before : St. Peter 1*d.*, wardpeny 1*d.* at Hokkeday, morepeny 1*d.* : of ancient tenure. (Now John Frye).

[ ] 1 virgate : rent 3*s.* and 12*d.* lard money : St. Peter 1*d.*, wardpeny 1*d.* : suit of court and heriot as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandford More for 1*d.*, and 2 acres in Moreham for 1 plough share (?) and 1 grain of corn (?) at Michaelmas : of ancient tenure. (Thomas Smith : one placeman).

Tenants at Will.

Maud Langeman, ½ virgate : rent 2*s.* and 12*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardpeny 1*d.*, morepeny 1*d.*, cherset ½*d.* and one *staka* of wheat : two boon days with all her oxen. Also 2 acres freehold for 12*d.* a year : heriot her best beast.

Alice Puretut, 1 ferling : rent 3*s.* : suit of court : no house, and no other service.

Alice Est of Barton, ½ ferling : rent 12*d.* only.

Tenants by Villenage. [Virgaters.]

Thomas Well', 1 virgate : rent 3*s.* and 18*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardpeny 1*d.*, cherschet 1*d.* and 1 bushel of wheat : to plough one day a week from Michaelmas to Martinmas

(estimated at 7*s.*), plough and harrow 1 acre for wheat after Martinmas, plough once on a boon day for wheat and once for spring corn, and one day a week from the Purification to the Ascension (estimated at 14 weeks): to harrow every day when required for oats (estimated at 6 days): 6 days' labour in winter, if threshing to thresh and winnow one tenth of a heaped quarter of wheat (1 bushel stricken) against Christmas, and after Christmas 4 bushels of oats, and haulage when required: to fallow 1 acre in summer, hoe two days a week from morning till noon with one man from Trinity to August (estimated at 8 weeks), mow for 3 days the demesne meadows (Langemede, Dutford, and great Lapemede) called Laghmede, taking every day 1 *aueret* of grass as much as he can lift from the ground with his scythe, and find one man to lift hay, and half a wain to carry the same when required (estimated at 2 days): to reap 3 days a week from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas, and with two men on 3 boon days in autumn, and carry corn with half a wain when required, or if hay and corn be all carried before Michaelmas, plough one day a week with half a plough: winter work, to carry one faggot of brushwood to the lord's court for the *gestum*, fence 3 perches on level ground, or carry one faggot of fencing and make a hedge thereof, or carry fencing and hedge 2 perches on a dyke: may not marry his daughters without licence, or sell a male horse of his own breeding, and if he does vendor and purchaser shall pay 1*d.* each for toll: if he [make] a brewhouse, 1*d.* every brew for toll: heriot his best beast. Value of services 14*s.*

Alice Upehulle, 1 virgate: rent etc. as the last. Value 14*s.*

William de Thinghurst, 1 virgate: rent 4*s.* and 18*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, morepeny 1*d.*, cherschet 1*d.* and 2 *stakas* of wheat: services as before. Value 14*s.*

Half Virgaters.

Walter le Kyng, ½ virgate: rent 18*d.* and 6*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churschet ½*d.* and one *staka* of wheat: to plough one day every other week from Michaelmas to Martinmas, plough, harrow and sow ½ acre after: one boon ploughing for wheat and one for oats: to plough one day every other week from the Purification to the Ascension (14 weeks) and harrow for oats any day when required (6 days): 6 days' winter work, threshing and winnowing wheat and oats, or carrying brushwood or fencing: to carry hay or corn with one fourth of a wain when required: reap with one man 3 days a week from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas, and 3 boon days in autumn: if all be carried before Michaelmas, to plough one day a week with one fourth of a plough: the rest as above. Value of service 8*s.* 9*d.*

John de la Plested, ½ virgate: rent 18*d.*, and 9*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churschet ½*d.* and one *stacha* of wheat: services etc. as the last. Value of service 8*s.* 9*d.*

John Upehull, ½ virgate: rent 18*d.* and 11*d.* (*sic*) lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churschet ½*d.* and one

stacha of wheat: services etc. as before. Value of works 8*s*. 9*d*.

John Purytout (otherwise Sparuer: written above) ½ virgate: rents etc. as before. Value of service 8s. 9*d*.

Alice Boueton, ½ virgate, as before. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

John le Wyte, ½ virgate as before. Also 2 acres of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 2*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Walter Barfot, ½ virgate as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

William Horych', ½ virgate as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Robert le Erl, ½ virgate as before, but 3*d*. more lard money. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandeforde Moor: rent 1*d*., and 4 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow: rent 12*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

William Bonyete, ½ virgate as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

William Alayn, ½ virgate as before, but 2*d*. more lard money. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

John le Kyng, ½ virgate as before. Also 2 acres of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 2*d*.

John Eggolfs, ½ virgate as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

John de la Wynch, ½ virgate as before. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*. Also 2 acres of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 2*d*.

Walter Knyghwyne, ½ virgate: rent 2*s*. and 12*d*. lard money, St. Peter 1*d*., wardepeny 1*d*., churschet ½*d*. and 1 *staka* of wheat. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*.

John Bytheweye, ½ virgate: rent 19*d*. and 7½*d*. lard money, St. Peter 1*d*., wardepeny 1*d*., churschet ½*d*. and 1 *staka* of wheat. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*.

John Edward, ½ virgate as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Henry Ourych', ½ virgate: rent 2*s*. and 12*d*. lard money, St. Peter 1*d*., wardepeny 1*d*., churschet ½*d*. and 1 *staka* of wheat. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*.

Isak de la Combe, ½ virgate as the last. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Edith de Sydecote (John de Banewell clerk, written above), ½ virgate, as before. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Cristina Bolemer, ½ virgate as before. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

John de Quercu, ½ virgate as before. Also 2 acres of meadow at Wamenhull: rent 12*d*.

Gilbert de Okrygge, ½ virgate as before, and 3*d*. more lard money. Also 2 acres of land above Sydecote: rent 2*d*. Value of service 8*s*. 9*d*.

Cristina atte Stone, ½ virgate as before. Also 2 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow: rent 17*d.* Value of service 8*s.* 9*d.*

Gilbert Frisel, ⅓ virgate: rent 12*d.*, and 7*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churschet ⅓*d.* and ⅔ *staka* of wheat: to do as Richard Est for 1 fardel. Value of service 6*s.* 1½*d.* Also 1 acre in Sandeford Moor: rent 1*d.*

William Gerneys, ⅓ virgate, as the last. Value of service 6*s.* 1½*d.* Also 1 acre in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.*

William Abraham, ⅓ virgate, as before. Also 1 acre of land in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 1½*d.*

Richard Warre, ½ virgate: rent 3*s.*, and 9*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*: to come once to boon ploughing for wheat, and once for spring corn, and take nothing, because he holds of grace at the will of the lord. Value of labour 2½*d.* Also 2 acres of meadow in Sandeforde Moor: rent 2*d.*, and 2 acres of pasture over against la Nye: rent 6*d.*

John le Pope, ½ virgate: rent 4*s.*, two boon ploughings as the last, and to find one man to lift hay, but no mowing: to come with one man to the rick for one day, reap 3 days in autumn by one man at boon work, and do one day's labour before Christmas. Value of labour 9½*d.*

Edith de la Hale, ½ virgate: rent 4*s.* and 8*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*: to mow 3 days, lift hay, reap on 3 boon days in autumn with one man, plough at boon ploughings, and do one day's labour before Christmas.

Walter de Okrygge, ½ virgate: rent 18*d.* and 9*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churschet ½*d.* and one *staka* of wheat: two boon ploughings and three boon days in autumn with one man, one day at the hay rick, one day's labour before Christmas. Value of labour 8*d.*

William de la Schete, ½ virgate: rent 3*s.* 6*d.* and 9*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churshet ½*d* and 1 *staka* of wheat: two boon ploughings, three boon days in autumn with one man, to toss and lift hay when required, one day's labour before Christmas. Value of labour 7*d.* Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.*

Furlingers.

Richard Est, 1 fardel of land: rent 12*d.* and 6*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churshet ¼*d.* and ½ *staka* of wheat; two days ploughing between Michaelmas and Martinmas, and after to plough sow and harrow ¼ acre, one boon ploughing for wheat and one for spring corn, one ploughing a month from the Purification to the Ascension, harrowing for oats with horse and boy any day when required, to fallow ¼ acre in summer, and haul one turn in two: labour in winter, summer and autumn as Walter le Kyng, but reaping only 2 days a week in autumn by one man: 3 days boon ploughing in autumn with one man: to find one eighth of a wain and plough with his neighbours: may not marry his daughters nor sell a horse as Thomas Well'. Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.* Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.*

Henry Northouere, 1 furling as the last. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Robert de la Drove, 1 furling as before. Also one acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Walter de la Drove, 1 furling as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Alice Broun, 1 furling as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Henry le Rede, 1 furling as before. Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandforde Moor: rent 1*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Richard de la Stone, 1 furling as before. Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Dennis de la Wyke, 1 furling as before. Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Thomas atte Wyke, 1 furling as before. Also 1 piece of waste land by Brounrygg Wood: rent 6*d.* Value of labour 6*s.* 5½*d.*

Henry Northlond, 1 furling: rent 18*d.* and 4*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*; 2 boon days as before; to lift hay 3 days by one man, but no mowing; 3 autumn boon days by one man; to toss and lift 3 days, one day rick making, one day's labour before Christmas. Value of labour 9½*d.* Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandford Moor: rent 1*d.*

Robert Hollok, 1 furling: rent 2*s.* and 6*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churshet 3 hens: two boon ploughings, 3 days mowing and 3 days lifting hay, 1 day at rick making by one man: one day's labour a week from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas: 3 boon days reaping in autumn, 1 day in the grange or at the rick in autumn: to thresh $\frac{1}{10}$ seam (1 stricken bushel) and carry one faggot of brushwood for the Christmas *gestum.* Value of labour 2*s.* 3*d.* Also 1 acre of meadow in Sandford Moor: rent 1d.

William Rawell, 1 furling: rent 12*d.* and 6*d.* lard money, churshet ¼*d.* and ½ *staka* of wheat, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*: two boon ploughings; to fallow ¼ acre in summer, 2 days a week reaping from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas, 6 days winter work, 3 boon days reaping in autumn by one man, 3 days mowing and lifting, ½ day a week hoeing from Trinity to August (value ½*d.*)

Half Furlingers. Cottars.

William *de gardino*, ½ furling: rent 3*d.* lard money at Martinmas (*sic*), St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*, churshet 3 hens: 2 days' labour a week from Michaelmas to August (except the three holy weeks) and every day from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas, taking daily 1 sheaf when reaping and another *auerok* when at other work. Total (rent, labour etc.) 7*s.* 1¼*d.* and 2 hens.

William Bomour, ½ furling, as the last. Also 1 acre of meadow on the moor: rent 4*d.*

Stephen le Balde, ½ furling as before.
Robert le Bomare, ½ furling as before.
John Crey, ½ furling as before.
Robert Faber, ½ furling as before. Also the site of a smithy in Wynescombe: rent 4*d.*
John Berd, ½ furling as before.
John le Balde, ½ furling as before.
William Pokerel, ½ furling as before.
Thomas le Kyng, ½ furling as before.
Nicholas Sparuer, ¼ furling: 1*d.* lard money, St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny ½*d.*, churshet 2 hens: half the above labour. Rent, labour etc. 3*s.* 9*d.* with 2 hens.
Henry de la Hale, ¼ furling, as the last.

Cottars. Monedaymen.

John Draclyve, messuage, 2 acres of land, and 1 acre 1 perch of meadow: rent 6*d.* and 1½*d.* lard money, St. Peter ½*d.*, wardepeny ¼*d.*, churshet 3 hens: to reap one day a week with one man from St. Peter *ad vincula* to Michaelmas, and 3 autumn boon days by two men, taking one sheaf a day, one day at rick making, one day stacking by one man in the grange in autumn. Also a house and one acre of meadow: rent 4*d.*: 2 days' labour in the meadow with a rake by one man, and 2 days reaping with one man, taking one sheaf a day.
Walter le Houpere, messuage, 4 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow: rent 12*d.* and 3*d.* lard money: St. Peter 1*d.*, wardepeny 1*d.*: labour as the last.
Geoffrey de Okrygge, messuage, 4 acres of land, ½ acre of meadow: rent 18*d.*: to reap on three boon days in autumn, and one day at making the hay rick with one man.
John Batyn, messuage and 2 acres: rent 6*d.*: to reap on three boon days with one man taking 2 sheaves, and one day at making the hay rick.
John Roddok, messuage and 2 acres: rent 12*d.* and 1½*d.* lard money, wardepeny ½*d.*: to reap one day a week from August 1 to Michaelmas by one man taking a sheaf, and 3 autumn boon days taking a sheaf a day, one day with one man at the hay rick: to thresh for the *gestum*, and carry one faggot of brushwood against Christmas.
Edith Knappe, messuage and 3 acres: rent 12*d.*: 2 days at lifting hay and one at making the hay rick: to reap on 3 boon days in autumn by one man taking one sheaf a day, and one day by one man at the grange.
William Dollyng, cottage by the smithy at Wynescumbe: rent 12*d.* Held at the will of the lord.

TOTALS—Lard money at Martinmas, 40*s.* 1*d.*
Churshett at Martinmas, 20*d.*, 2½ quarters of wheat, 40 hens.
Rents at Christmas, 39*s.* 9½*d.*
Rents at Easter, 39*s.* 9½*d.*
Rents at Midsummer, 39*s.* 9½*d.*
Rents at Michaelmas, 40*s.* 4½*d.*
Wardepeny at Hockeday, 5*s.* 1¾*d.*

Morepeny at St. Margaret's day, 4*s.* 1*d.*
Peter's pence on August 1, 5*s.* 2½*d.*
Whereof to be paid to the archdeacon of Wells by ancient custom, 11*d.*
Total, 10*l.* 15*s.* 10¼*d.*

PARSONAGE OF WYNESCOMBE: Rents, Services and Pensions.

Robert Roddok, messuage, 1 acre of land, 1 acre of meadow: rent 3*s.*
William le Hopere, 2 acres: rent 6*d.*
Thomas de Okrygge, 2 acres: rent 18*d.*
John Compedene, messuage and 1 acre: rent 12*d.*
Thomas de Okrygge, ½ acre: rent 4*d.*

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CUSTUMAL OF THE MANOR OF HACCHE.

Walter de Hache, ½ virgate, messuage, curtilage, meadow and pasture adjoining: gavel 2*s.* and ¼*lb.* of pepper at Christmas: suit at the hundred court. (Margin: now Henry Seward gentleman.)

Value of a day's ploughing 2½*d.*, 1 acre 4*d.*, harrowing 1*d.*, haulage 2*s.*, mowing 1*d.*, cartage 4*d.*, reaping 1½*d.*, daywork ½*d.*

Villeins.

Hugh le Poair, messuage with curtilage, 1 fardel of land with meadow adjoining: gavel 2*s.*: to come once to boon ploughing for winter wheat and have his corrody twice in the day, namely breakfast (bread, beer and cheese) and dinner (bread, beer, meat or fish and cheese), but quit of that if he have no oxen: one boon ploughing for spring corn (if he have oxen) as before: to find one plough horse (if he have one) for harrowing for spring corn: to thresh and winnow 1 bushel of wheat for the Christmas *gestum* (value ¼*d.*): to make one hurdle for the fold of stakes and saplings which he shall gather, and have for his *aueroc* 30 cut saplings (value ¼*d.*): one day hoeing with one man from dawn till terce (value ½*d.*), and one day from dawn till noon, having his breakfast of bread and cheese (value *nil*); 3 days mowing with one man at Hacchemede from dawn till prime taking every day his *aueroc* of grass, as much grass bound with one rope as he can lift on to his back (value ¾*d.*): to come when summoned to turn and lift hay with one man till the rick be made, taking for 3 days his *aueroc* of hay, worth ½*d.*, as much as the bailiff with two fingers and one knee could lift so that the wind could blow between the *aueroc* and the ground (value *nil*): to help carry the hay to the barton of Hacche with one man, his wain and oxen (if he have any) till all be carried (estimated at 2 days, value 3*d.* a day): if he have no wain, to yoke his oxen to another man's wain, and if no oxen, to find a man for another man's wain: and after the last load those who have wains and oxen may go, but the others stay in the barton to make

the winter rick, and when the rick is finished all the homage shall have for their puture 2*s*. apiece: to reap ½ acre of wheat in autumn (value 2*d*.): two days with two men at the bedripes in autumn from dawn to sunset taking his corrody once in the day, namely wheaten bread, potage, a mess of meat or fish, and cheese (value 2*d*. a day), also one bedrip with one man taking his corrody twice in the day, for breakfast bread and cheese and dinner as before (value 1*d*.): when carrying hay may unyoke his oxen in the meadow till the load be complete: may not marry his daughters without licence: must haul his lord's corn to the nearest market town with his horse, if he have one, and likewise fetch his lord's corrody when he comes thither: haulage now redeemed for all the homage, who instead thereof plough 40 acres (20 for wheat and 20 for spring corn) or fallow, as the lord may choose: to have his *gestum* at Christmas, 1 quarter of wheat for bread for the homage, 6 bushels of wheat for strong beer and 12 bushels of oats for small beer, 2 quarters of beef, 2 hams and 1 quarter of pork, 12 hens, ½ stone of cheese, saffron, pepper, cumin, salt and flour, fuel of the lord's wood of Halsangre for baking, brewing, and to burn during dinner: to come with one other to the lord's court of Northcory on St. Stephen's day, and take his medale with the homage at Cory sitting in the lord's chamber on the east side of the lord's hall: to be reeve, *berbrettus*, or bailiff if chosen, and while reeve to be quit of gavel and labour, and have his meat and drink of the lord from August till the corn is all in the grange, ½ acre of the lord's meadow at Hacch to maintain his draught horse in winter and pasture for it in summer at Teddelegheswey, when *berbrettus* to have his dinner while [sowing ?] or threshing, when bailiff to be quit of gavel and labour and have his portion as one of the lord's drivers, 2 bushels of corn for 3 weeks, to drive a plough or wain when needed, and afterwards go round his bailiwick as belongs to his duty, and to have one boy from August to Michaelmas receiving for him 4 bushels of corn of the household portion and for wages 18*d*.: suit to the hundred of Northcory and any halmote on summons: heriot, his best beast, if none the best acre of land sown, if neither no heriot: the wife to find security for maintenance of his tenement, and hold the same for life after his decease. Total, rent 2*s*.: value of works 3*s*. 4¼*d*.

William Red, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s*.: as the last.

Stephen Dru, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s*.: as before.

Simon Clake, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s*.: as before.

William Chapeleyn, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s*.: as before.

Walter atte Breche, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s*.: as before.

Robert Stylham, messuage and ½ virgate: gavel 4*s*.: the rest as before.

Margery Gale, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s*.: the rest as before.

Richard Swete, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as before. To be the lord's oxherd if chosen, and then quit of gavel and labour, but to go with the oxen to all labour, and have the twelfth working day with the lord's plough from Michaelmas to August, 5 bushels of wheat and 1 quarter of oats for his sulghmete at Michaelmas, and his puture when the men of the homage take victuals for ploughing or hoeing. Value as before.

Joan in ye Toune, 1 fardel with messuage, etc.: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the last.

Robert atte Forde, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 3*s.* 4*d.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Robert Pode, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Alice Cornewaleys, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh, but no *aueroc* of grass or hay, and no ploughing or fallowing of the 40 acres.

William de Dodescumbe, messuage and 1½ fardels: gavel 3*s.* 2*d.*: the rest as Hugh Poer.

William Smeth, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as Hugh Poer.

John de Dodescumbe, messuage and 1½ fardels: gavel 3*s.*: the rest as Hugh Poer.

Stornucus (?) Dighte, 1½ fardels with messuage: gavel 3*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Stephen Keche, ½ virgate with messuage: gavel 4*s.*: the rest as Hugh Poer.

Gervase Rolegh, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.* 4*d.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Gilbert Stonhard, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Walter Courtenay, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.* 2*d.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

John le Frenshe, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Richard Frisel, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Richard le Bole, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Thomas in Toune, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.* 1*d.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Richard Chiuue, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as Hugh Poer.

William Hardegrey, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as the said Hugh.

Richard in ye Toune, messuage and 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.*: the rest as Poer.

Richard [*sic*: ? William] Swette, messuage and ½ fardel: gavel 20*d.*: to thresh and winnow 1 bushel of wheat for the Christmas *gestum* (value ¼*d.*); make one hurdle as Hugh Poer (value ¼*d.*): two days hoeing the lord's corn with one man, and have breakfast one day (value ½*d.* and ¼*d.* respectively):

to mow, turn and lift in the lord's meadow, taking his *aueroc* as before, and three days mowing (value $2\frac{3}{4}d.$): to help make the winter rick in the barton with one man, taking his share of $2s.$ (estimated at 2 days, value $2d.$): to reap 1 perch of wheat (value $1d.$): 3 bedripes with one man taking his victuals (value $1d.$ a day): marriage of daughters, heriot etc. as Poer. Total rent $20d.$; value of labour $1\frac{1}{4}d.$ (*sic*).

John de Dodescumbe, messuage and $\frac{1}{2}$ fardel: gavel $12d.$: the rest as the said William Swete (*sic*). Value of labour $10\frac{1}{4}d.$

Walter Emesone, 4 acres with messuage: gavel $12d.$: the rest as William Swete, but no mowing or turning or making hurdle, and no reaping save at the bedripes. Value of labour $6d.$

Roger Groggeheye, messuage and $\frac{1}{2}$ fardel: gavel $20d.$: the rest as William Sweet. Value of labour $10\frac{1}{4}d.$

Robert le Taillor, messuage and 1 acre: gavel $2s.$: to thresh and winnow 1 bushel of wheat for the Christmas *gestum* (value $\frac{1}{4}d.$): one day hoeing with one man from dawn to noon, taking breakfast (value *nil*): to toss, turn and lift behind the mowers at Hacchemede with one man, taking his *aueroc* (estimated at 3 days at least, value $\frac{1}{2}d.$ a day): at the winter rick as William Swete: to reap $\frac{1}{2}$ perch of wheat (value $\frac{1}{2}d.$): one bedripe one whole day with one man taking his corrody twice in the day (value $1d.$): marriage of daughters as before: heriot, his best beast or plough horse. Value of labour $5\frac{1}{4}d.$

Margery Swete and Robert her son, messuage and 1 acre: gavel $12d.$: the rest as the last.

All the above to come to Northcory moors to the drift upon the usual summons.

Richard the carpenter, water mill, 1 piece of land with meadow adjoining ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre): rent $5s.$, the lord finding great timber and straw for the mill, and carriage thereof: he shall have couples of such timber anywhere save in the lord's court; and shall buy new millstones when required and pay for them himself, the lord finding the carriage thereof from Langport, Brugwauter, Tanton or any less distance.

Overland.

William Red, $\frac{1}{2}$ fardel of land at la Wodelond: rent $12d.$

Richard Chyuue, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres there: rent $6d.$

Walter atte Breche, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres: rent $6d.$

These three jointly perform the same services as Poer: value $3s.$ $4\frac{1}{4}d.$

Thomas in Toune, 1 acre by la Broke: rent $12d.$

William Chapleyn, 3 acres of meadow in Carsemede: rent $5s.$

All the men of the homage of Hacche pay at Michaelmas for the pasture of Schortewode $2s.$

Total rents of assise of the manor $4l.$ $10s.$ $1d.$: value of labour $101s.$ $2\frac{1}{2}d.$

Extent of Arable Land.

The *cultura* of Hacchehull	108 acres	at 6*d.*	per acre	54*s.*
Ceddelegh	45	,,	,,	22*s.* 6*d.*
Wodelak	9½	,,	,,	4*s.* 9*d.*
Sidegore	3	,,	,,	18*d.*
Loneheye	21	,,	,,	10*s.* 6*d.*
Gerlegh	5½	,,	,,	2*s.* 9*d.*
			Total	4*l.* 16*s.*

Extent of Meadow.

Hacchemede, 16 acres at 3*s.* per acre, 48*s.*

Value of the manor (besides fines and heriots), 16*l.* 15*s.* 3½*d.*

R.III. ff. 70-74.

BIDESHAM.

Extent of the manor made Monday before the Annunciation at the end of 1332 by oath of all the homage, in presence of Master John de Wamberg' and Henry de Fulham canons of Wells.

Perquisites of courts, ½ mark.

Drift in la Marche, 8*d.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

Meadow: Bideshammede at Welfold by la More, 10 acres. Redeclyvemede, 9 acres.

Total 19 acres at 3*s.*, 57*s.*

Rush bed, 5 acres at 5*s.*, 25*s.*

Pasture of fallow, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Pasture in autumn, from Michaelmas to the Purification, 26*s.* 8*d.* Total 40*s.*

Arable. The *cultura* of Radclyvemede, 37 acres.
,, of Welsham, 9 acres.
,, of Northfifacres, 8 acres.
,, of Langelong about the court, 16 acres.
,, in la Uttermede, 33½ acres.

In Pipershurst and Whelfold, 12 acres.

Total 115½ acres, less 14 acres (the rector's portion) 101½ acres at 15*d.*, 6*l.* 6*s.* 10½*d.*

Chevage Tenants.

Richard le Smyth, ½*lb.* wax.
Martin Denshef, 6*d.*
Robert Mervyn, 12*d.*
William Bolof, 1*d.*
Stephen Bolof, 1*d.*
Stephen Diggel, 9*d.*
Robert Arnay, 8*d.*
Simon Pors, 3*d.*
William Wynshef, 6*d.*
John Cowherde, 1*d.* Total, 3*s.* 11*d.* and ½*lb.* wax.

Custumal of Neifs.

John Benshef, 23 acres: gavel 4*s.* 11*d.* and 11*d.* lard money: two days ploughing for wheat, two days for spring corn (value 4*d.* a day), and one boon ploughing for spring corn taking 1½*d.* (value 2½*d.*): one harrowing for spring corn (value 4*d.*):

two days trenching (*grapiandum*) the lord's land with two men (value ½*d.*): half a day ditching with two men (value 1*d.*): half a day hoeing with two men (value 1*d.*) : half a day mowing with two men (value 2*d.*), taking his *aueroc*, as much as he can lift with a scythe: to find one man to carry water for sharpening scythes (value 1*d.*): to lift hay when required, taking his *aueroc* as much as he can lift with a fork (value 1*d.*), and to carry the same to the barton (value 2*d.*), and at the rick making (value 1*d.*): to reap 4 days with 5 men, taking 5 sheaves of oats and beans (value 2*s.* 6*d.*), to carry and stack the lord's corn till all be stacked, taking 9 sheaves of beans (because he comes with 3 men and his neighbours with only one), and cover the corn stack (value 3*s.*) gathering and carrying the covering at his own cost: ditching about the barton with two men when required (value 2*d.*): to make drains towards the sea, and fetch timber (value 2*d.*): if he sell a colt within a year he shall give the lord 6*d.*: heriot to be given: may not marry son or daughter without licence: to be reeve or bailiff if chosen, and have 2½ acres of arable land, 1 feldwal of meadow, the grass upon the roads and the paths between the corn. Value of labour 8*s.* 8½*d.*

John Mervyn, 20 acres: gavel 3*s.* 11*d.* and 11*d.* lard money: one ploughing for wheat, one for spring corn (value 4*d.* each), one boon ploughing for spring corn taking 1½*d.* (value 2½*d.*): one harrowing for spring corn (value 4*d.*): twice to trench (*grapiare*) the lord's land (value ½*d.* a day): half a day ditching with one man (value ½*d.*): half a day hoeing (value ½*d.*): half a day mowing with one man taking his *aueroc* (value 1*d.*), to lift the hay taking one fork thereof (value ½*d.*), carry it to the barton and help make the rick (value 3*d.*): 4 days reaping with two men, taking one sheaf of wheat, one of beans, and one of oats (value 12*d.*): to carry and stack the lord's corn, taking 3 sheaves, and cover the stack, gathering and carrying the covering for the same: ditching about the barton, drains towards the sea, timber for the same, sale of colt as before: heriot his best beast: marriage of children, reeve and bailiff as above. Value of labour 4*s.*

Geoffrey Bolehaft, 17 acres: gavel 3*s.* and 7*d.* lard money: services as the last. Value 4*s.* (Margin: Now Stephen Jeie).

John Algar, 7 acres: gavel 16*d.* and 3*d.* lard money: services as before. (Now Cristina Pope).

Edith Smithes, 1 fardel: rent 5*s.* and 6*d.* lard money, for all service. (Now Richard Bordenbrigg).

William Loppe, 1 fardel: gavel 2*s.* 6*d.* and 6*d.* lard money: services as John Mervyn. Value of labour 4*s.* (Now Nicholas Hacche).

Fardellers.

William atte Brigg (Now John Yrish).
Andrew Galeware (Now Thomas Hobby).
William Rosnel (Now Richard Taillor).
John Strot (Now William Gilbert).

Robert Pope (Now John Hackes).
William Strote (Now John Hyne).
Robert atte Nasshe (Now John Chiw).
Walter Arney (Now John Arny).
John Martyn (Now Richard Brigman).
William Pope (Now John Barwe the younger).
William le Cok (Now G. Griffyn).
Adam le Walshe (Now Julian Leget).
Walter Mervyn (Now T. Banham).
William atte Stille (Now W. Skerde).

These 14, as William Loppe. Value of their labour, 56*s*.

William Pope the younger, ½ fardel: gavel 15*d*. and 3*d*. lard money: services as John Mervyn.

William Legat, ½ fardel: as John Mervyn.

Cottagers.

John Keche, cottage with curtilage: gavel 8*d*.: to reap 3 days with one man, taking a sheaf of wheat, one of beans, and one of oats: heriot, marriage of children, sale of colt as above. Value of labour 3*d*. (Now in the lord's hand).

John Gilbert, cottage: rent 6*d*.: to reap any two days by one man. Value of labour 6*d*. (Now Richard Webbe).

Andrew Dalbel, cottage with curtilage: gavel 6*d*.: marriage of son or daughter and sale of colt as before. (Now John Hopere).

Overland.

Walter Arney, 5 acres: gavel 3*s*.

Stephen Algar, 2 acres: gavel 2*s*.

All the above shall have 2*s*. 6*d*. at Michaelmas for medmete. Also their *gestum* at Christmas, namely for bread 23*d*., for drink 46 gallons of ale, for meat 3*s*., and ½ stone of cheese value 4*d*.

Total rent, 64*s*. 10*d*.
Total lard money, 11*s*.
Total value of labour, 4*l*. 8*s*. 10½*d*.
Total value of the manor, besides fines and heriots, 21*l*. 5*s*. 5*d*. and ½*lb*. wax.

R.III. ff. 74*d*.-76.

Extent of Bikenalre.

[Freeholders.]

Walter de Reod (Sir John Streche, by reason of his wife: written above), one knight's fee: rent 12*d*.: suit of court every 3 weeks etc.

Thomas de Raleyth knight, now Henry Sydenham, half a knight's fee: rent 6*d*. etc.

John le Bret, one fourth of a knight's fee in Selver: rent 2*d*. etc.

The said John holds of the lord 1 virgate in Thornecombe: rent 3*s*. and 4½ slabbes of iron value 11¼*d*. at Michaelmas and Easter, suit etc. as before. Note that John Bastard (Richard Merl: written above) holds the tenement in Selver for life by

demise of the said John Bret, performing his service to the chief lords.

William le Taillour, freehold cottage with curtilage: rent 6*d.*, and suit of court.

Simon de Chamannescombe, messuage and 12 acres, by the custody granted him during the minority of Simon his son: rent 4*d.*, and suit of court.

Walter Saffyn, messuage and 12 acres: rent 3*s.* and 1*lb.* cumin or 1*d.*, and suit of court.

Edmund de Betisleth, messuage and 18 acres: rent 4*s.* 1*d.*, and suit of court.

Henry Jordanesone, messuage and 6 acres: rent 2*d.*, and suit of court.

William Emmes, messuage and 8 acres: rent 12*d.*, and suit of court.

Alice de Furshull, cottage and curtilage: rent 3*s.*, and suit of court.

John Kneyth, for life, messuage and 5 acres: rent 2*s.* (or 2*s.* 6*d.* ?), and suit of court. Total rents for life 5*s.* 6*d.*

[Villeins.]

John (*sic*) de la Yerde, messuage and 24 acres: rent 6*s.*: to be wikman: one ploughing for winter seed taking his food (value 3*d.*), and two for spring corn taking 1½*d.* a day (value 6*d.*): harrowing any day with one man and one horse (estimated at 6 days) taking only two handfuls of oats (value of labour 6*d.*): to mow ½ acre, toss, turn and lift the grass (value 4*d.*), and help carry all the lord's hay with oxen and wain, taking his food the first day (value 6*d.*), and help make the rick, sharing 4*d.* with the rest: to reap 4 days taking his food each day (value 4*d.*), and hoe 2½ days with one man (value 1½*d.*): to scour the oxlend (?) pool with the other villeins when required, help cover the hall, and make the water leat, taking his *gestum* at Christmas: to cart every other day throughout the year with one man, one horse and his *scutum*, taking ¾*d.* for supper if he sleep out, otherwise nothing, and if the cartage be to a greater distance, at the lord's cost (not valued, because not usually commuted): may not marry his daughters nor put his sons to school without licence: heriot his best beast, if he have none nothing. Value of labour 2*s.* 6½*d.*

John Farrer atte Yerde, as the said Gilbert (*sic*): rent 4*s.*

John atte Yerde, messuage and 12 acres: rent 3*s.*: services as Gilbert (*sic*) de la Yerde.

William Pope, as before: rent 3*s.* 7½*d.*

John atte Hille, as before: rent 3*s.*

Richard atte Burghyate, as before: rent 3*s.* 6*d.*

Ralph atte Castle, as before: rent 3*s.* 6*d.*

Richard Villedieux, as before: rent 3*s.*

Lesser Villeins.

Roger Placegreue, messuage and 6 acres: rent 18*d.*: services as Gilbert de la Yerde, but no carting, ploughing or

harrowing, and he shall drive the lord's cattle fourscore leagues taking 1½*d.* a day except the first day, also hold the lord's plough, taking the twelfth day (value of service ½ mark, labour 15½*d.*), and be oxherd in his turn.

John Wagger, as the last.
Walter Pope, as before.
John Mannelond, as before.
John Gormond, as before.
Joan atte Hulle, as before.
John Manlond, as before.

Total rent of 7 lesser villeins 10*s.* 6*d.*: value of labour *15*s.* 8½*d.* (*sic*).

Cottars.

William Chillecombe, cottage and 5 acres: rent 2*s.* 6*d.*: 2 days reaping (value 4*d.*): to help at making the hay rick daily until finished with one man (value 2*d.*)

John Dollyng, cottage with curtilage: rent 12*d.*: labour as the last.

William Bikewylle, cottage with curtilage and 1 acre: rent 16*d.*: 3 days reaping (value 3*d.*)

John [ ], cottage with curtilage: rent 16*d.*: no service but suit of court.

John Wagger, cottage with curtilage and 3 acres: rent 3*s.* and one slabbe of iron worth 2½*d.*: no service but suit of court.

William atte Forde, cottage with curtilage and ½ acre: rent 2*s.*: no service but suit of court.

William Tromppeny, cottage with curtilage and ½ acre: rent 2*s.*: no service but suit of court.

Total rent of 7 cottars 13*s.* 10*d.* (*sic*): value of labour 3*s.* 6*d.*: 1 slabbe of iron 2½*d.*: Peter's pence at Bikenalre 14*d.*

Chevage of Neifs.

John Canoun.	Adam son of Roger.
Thomas Thorn.	William son of Roger.
John Thorn.	John Davy.
Walter Pope.	William Davy.
John Eliet the elder.	Adam Wodelef.
John Eliet the younger.	Walter atte Castle, each 1 slabbe

Chevage of Freemen.

Robert Dilryche.
Walter Louel, each 1 slabbe.

Total 14 slabbes of iron, value 2*s.* 11*d.*

In demesne are one messuage value 5*s.* a year, 75 acres of arable land value 4*d.* each, 13 acres 1 rood of meadow value 4*s.* per acre, 2½ acres of moor of alder wood upon parcel whereof the value of pasture is 14*d.*, 3 acres of high wood whereof the value of pasture is 6*d.*, and of underwood 2*d.*, the moiety of one

* Probably an error for 4*l.* 15*s.* 8½*d.*, a sum which represents the above ½ mark (6*s.* 8*d.*) and 15½*d.* multiplied by 7.

water mill value 1 mark, waste on the hill value in sheep pasture and *in baticio ad campipartem* 10*s*., pleas and perquisites (besides fines of land) ½ mark. Total 6*l*. 12*d*.

Total rents of assise and of tenants for life, 73*s*. 10½*d*.
Value of labour, 6*l*. 6*s*. 2½*d*.
Slabbes of iron, 4*s*. 0¾*d*.
Peter's pence, 14*d*.
Messuage, land, mill etc., 6*l*. 0*s*. 12*d*.
Total, besides fines of land, 16*l*. 6*s*. 3¾*d*.

R.III. ff. 76*d*.-78.

Gift by Walter de Cadamo to John de Godelee of the manor of Knapp, and the reversion of 18 acres of land and 5 acres of meadow therein of grantor's inheritance, held for their lives by Richard de Fonte and Cecily his wife, 18 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow by the said Richard and Cecily and Margery late the wife of Richard Tria, 22 acres of land and 5½ acres of meadow by William Hughet and Emma his daughter, a messuage 15 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by John de la Knappe, a messuage, 24 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by the said John and Margery his wife, 10 acres of land and 4 acres of meadow by the said John and John his son, 10 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by John son of Gilbert de Helnaked, 10 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by Walter atte Flodyat and Maud his wife for her life, 1 acre of meadow by Robert Curtius and Simon his son for their lives, 2 acres of meadow by William de Pilewell, a messuage, 2½ acres of land and 4 acres of meadow by Edmund atte More and Cristina his wife, a messuage, 15 acres of land and 2 acres of meadow by Roger atte Wode, a messuage, 10 acres of land and 3 acres of meadow by William Ferthing and John his son, 4 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by the said William and Joan his daughter, a messuage, 5 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by the said William and Juliana his daughter, 1 acre of land and 1 acre of meadow by the said William and Edith his daughter, a messuage, 20 acres of land and 7 acres of meadow by Walter atte Wode and Edith his wife, a messuage, 1 acre of land and 2 acres of meadow by Henry le Daye and Gunna his wife, a messuage and ½ acre of land by the said Henry for the life of Robert atte Welle, a messuage and 10 acres of land by Roger de Wottone and Joan his wife for their lives, a messuage and 2½ acres of land by Walter Tonere and Clarice his wife, a messuage by Gilbert de Helnaked and Alice his wife, a messuage, 10 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow by Richard le Brun and Emma his wife, 1 acre of land and 2 acres of meadow by the said Richard, 5 acres of land by Felix de Hynelonde and John his son, 1½ acre of meadow by Jordan Wyther, a messuage and ½ acre of meadow by Richard le Smyth, ½ acre of meadow by Edward Loueryng, 2 acres of land and ½ acre of meadow by Gunnilda la Whyte, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir John Derlee, Sir Robert de Sancto Claro, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham, Sir William de Wygebere knights, Robert Guyen, John de la Slou, Robert le Irreys, Thomas de Bere (*sic*). Dated Winchester, 5 May 34 Edward I.

R.III. f. 79.

Gift by Walter de Cadamo to John de Godelee of the manor of la Knappe, with the rents and services of Robert le Brun and Cristina his wife, Walter Tonere and Clarice his wife, Alan Abbat, Richard de Fonte and Cecily his wife, Margery late wife of Richard Trul, William Hughet and Emma his daughter, John de la Knappe, Margery his wife and John his son, John son of Gilbert de Helnaked, Walter atte Flodyat and Maud his wife, Robert Curteis and John his son, William de Pilewell, Edmund le Parker and Cristina his wife, John and Maud children of Cristina, Roger atte Wode, William atte Ferthyng, John his son, Joan, Juliana, Edith and Emma his daughters, Walter atte Wode and Edith his wife, Henry le Daye and Gunna his wife, Robert atte Welle, Roger de Wotton and Joan his wife, Gilbert de Helnaked and Alice his wife, Richard Broun and Emma his wife, Richard de Hynelonde and Felicia his wife and John son of the said Felicia, Jordan Wither, Richard atte Burgh and Maud his wife, Edward Louering, Gunnilda la White, Nicholas Osdern, Hugh atte Hele, Hugh Cauci, Richard Bussel, and Cristina de Helnaked, and all that may accrue by their decease, to hold of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, in consideration of 500*l.*, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir John de Erle, Sir Robert de Sancto Claro, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham, Sir William de Wygebere knights, Robert Guyen, John de la Slou, Robert le Irreys, Thomas de Mere. Dated Winchester, 5 May 34 Edward I.

R.III. f. 80.

Fine levied at Westminster, in the octave of St. Martin 34 Edward I, between John de Godelee and Hamelin de Godelee plaintiffs (by Elias de Godelee their attorney) and Walter de Cadamo deforciant (by William de Scotho), of the manor of Knappe with the homage and services of William Hughet, Richard atte Welle, William Bussel, John Knappe, Richard atte Welle, Hugh atte Hele, Hugh Caucy, and their heirs, and the reversion of lands held for life by Richard de Fonte and Cecily his wife, William Hughet and Emma his daughter, John Knappe, the said John and Margaret his wife, Walter atte Wode and Edith his wife, Walter de Tonere and Clarice his wife, Richard atte Bergh and Maud his wife, John de Knappe and Margaret his wife, which are assured to the plaintiffs and to the heirs of Hamelin in consideration of 200*l.*, with warranty, in presence of the said tenants who do fealty to the plaintiffs in court.

R.III. f. 80*d.* Somerset Record Soc. vi. 349.

Letters patent of King Edward [I], being a licence in mortmain to Hamelin de Godele (in consideration of a fine before W. bishop of Coventry and Lichfield the treasurer) to grant to the dean and chapter of Wells his manor of Knappe, and to the said dean and chapter to acquire and hold the same. Tested at Lanercost, 22 January 35 Edward I.

R.III. f. 81: repeated f. 406. Pat. *Cal.* p. 489.

Charter of King Henry [II] giving to Gilbert de Norfolc 8 librates of land in the king's manor of Northcory (in exchange for his land

of Parva Whiteham which the king has given to the brethren of Chartosa), to hold of Gilbert Malet by the same service as the said land of Witeham, namely 6 virgates in demesne for 42*s.*; Wolward and Merwold with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; John, Richard, Garmund and Selebrith with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; Esegar and John with 1 virgate for12*s.* 4*d.*; widow Edel with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; widow Eva, Ailward and Aldwyn with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*, in the same town: at Humma, Thudric, Martin and Ordric Galet with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; Randolph de la Hille, Richard and Bald' with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; Hurdith and Robert Vela with 1 virgate for 12*s.* 4*d.*; 4 denarates of land, and Swein Vela with ½ virgate and 5 acres for 6*s.* 9½*d.*; Edwy Borgeis with 1 ferling and 4 denarates of land for 28*d.*; Osmar with 1 ferling for 2*s.*; and William son of Martin with 3 ferlings for 4*s.* 7½*d.*: at Cury, Richard son of Randolph with 1 ferling for 3*s.*; Richard Whita with 1 ferling for 2*s.*; the wood from the head of Nicol's two acres to the oven of Walter son of Nicholas on the west side, and a moiety of Ridmedmore on the west side, to make up the aforesaid 8 librates. Witnesses: Richard bishop of Winchester, Geoffrey bishop of Ely, Sefride bishop of Chichester, Herbard archdeacon of Canterbury, Earl William de Mandeville, William de Aubeigni earl of Sussex, Randolph de Glanvyll, Patrick de Chaworc', Ralph son of Stephen the chamberlain, William de Scuteville (*sic*), Robert de Scuteville (*sic*), Gilbert Pipard, Robert son of Bernard, Thomas son of Bernard, William de Moiun, William son of Ald', Geoffrey de Say, William Ruffus. Dated at Waltham.

R.III. f. 81*d.*

Gift by Walter de Cadamo to John de Godelee of the rent and service of Robert le Bren and Cristina his wife, Walter Tonere and Clarice his wife, Alan Abbot, William Hughete, Hugh atte Hele, Richard atte Well, Hugh Caucy, Richard Bussell, John atte Knappe, Roger de Wottone and Joan his wife, and Cristina de Helnaked for lands held by them in the manor of Knappe, and all that may accrue by their decease, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir John Derlee, Sir Robert de Sancto Claro, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham, Sir William de Wygebere knights, Robert Guyen, John de la Slou, Robert de Irreys (*sic*), Thomas de Mere. Dated Winchester, 5 May 34 Edward I.

R.III. f. 82.

Gift by Walter de Cadamo (son and heir of Richard de Cadamo of county Norfolk) to Sir John de Godelee of all his lands and tenements in la Knappe county Somerset, with rents and services of freemen and villeins etc. and the reversion of lands held by William Hughet and Emma his daughter, John de la Knappe and Margaret his wife, Roger de Wottone and Joan his wife, Richard de la Welle and his son, Cristiana late the wife of Adam de la More, Walter Toner and Clarice his wife, and other tenants for life, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir John Derlee, Sir Robert de Sancto Claro, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham, Sir

William de Wygebere knights, Robert Guyen, John de la Slou, Robert de Irreis (*sic*), Thomas de Mere.

R.III. f. 82*d*.

Sale by Walter de Cadamo (son and heir of Richard de Cadamo) to Sir John de Godelee of all his goods moveable and immovable in the manor of la Knappe for 100 marks. Dated Winchester, 5 May 34 Edward I.

R.III. f. 82*d*.

Letter of attorney by Walter de Cadamo (son and heir of Richard de Cadamo) to Hugh de la Hele and John de la Knappe, to give seisin to Sir John de Godelegh or his attorney of all his lands and tenements in the manor of Knappe. Dated Winchester, 5 May 34 Edward I.

R.III. f. 82*d*.

Perambulation of Menedep forest, made before Malcoin (Malcolin) de Harleigh and John de Crokesleghe assigned by the king, and Geoffrey de Wrokeshale and Hugh de Popham knights of the county associated with them, in presence of Peter de Hamme deputy of Mabina (*sic*) Pecche the forester in fee, Philip le Ireys and Robert de Marisco verderers, 10 May 26 Edward [I], by oath of Thomas de Gornay, Lawrence de Hamelden, Robert de Panes, Thomas de Bause, Bartholomew Peytevyn knights, Henry de Lutleton, William de Sancto Laudo, John de Buteler (*sic*), John de Wyttukesmede, Roger de Shokerwyk, Hugh Malherbe and Edmund Husee.

R.III. f. 83. (See Collinson's *Hist. Somerset*, iii. 58. In this text the following variations may be noted: the Moreheghes of Axebrugg: Churchull, for Churchford: "the town of Obbeleigh which Richard Ameray holds, and the town of Cumpton Martyn which Roger Wake holds." Adam de Domerham, i. 194).

Perambulation of the forest of Selewode, made 13 March 26 Edward [I].

R.III. ff. 83*d*, 84. (See Collinson, iii. 56: but for Trencham-mouth read Trencheham Montis: for Kyngessecke Kyngessetle: for Forshefe Forshete: for Litteford Lilleford: and the list of towns outside the forest continues, after Norton, "Leghe held by John de Boys, Cherleton by John de Fereres, Barwe by the prior of Staverdale, Northstoke by Eleanor Louel, Estrepe by John Hurschal, Henegrove by Elizabeth de Clyvedone, Ryngwode by John de Carivile." Adam de Domerham, i. 184).

Perambulation of the forest of Northpeterton, made 25 May 26 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 84*d*. (See Collinson, iii. 59: adding these jurors, William Ruffrigeray, Robert de la Fenne, John de Bykefaud, and for Lantoke Walter de Cauntok: for Gateneberghe read Tateneberghe: for Reylia Reysia: and for Sabina Hayrun and Athelina read Sabina Pecche, Hayrun and Athelina. Adam de Domerham, i. 198).

Perambulation of the forest of Neracchich, made 19 March 26 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 85. (See Collinson, iii. 57: adding these jurors, William de Ruffrigeray, Robert de la Fenne, Simon Michell, and for Rayng, John de Rayny: for Sotwode read Sortwode, and for Uniret Viueret. Adam de Domerham, i. 188).

Perambulation of the forest of Exmore, made 22 March 26 Edward [I].

R.III. ff. 85*d*., 86. (See Collinson, iii. 57, but reading for Wrotesleigh John de Crokeslegh: for Hockleston Hokdeston: "the towns of Dovery and Estloccom held by John Loccum, the town of Leghe Wodcock by Baldric de Nonyngton": for Broggelesnole Boggedehole: for Honecete-holne and Broford Honecote Holne and Broford: for Dunneray Dunne-cray: for de Torthe le Tort': and for Brutenesworthy Brightenesworthy. Adam de Domerham, i. 190. See also E. J. Rawle, *Annals of Exmoor*, 43—47.)

Memorandum of the forester's allowances in each forest.

R.III. 86*d*. (See Collinson, iii. 60).

Gift by Walter Caam lord of Cnappe to William atte Ferthyng, Sarah, and Joan his daughter (*sic*), of 4 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow adjacent in Chaldewill in Cnappe by Northcory county Somerset, between land of John Uppehille and of Walter Uppehille and lengthwise from the way from Cnappe to Hamme southward to the meadow called Langemede, to hold for their lives at the yearly rent of 1*d*. for all demands saving suit of court at Knappe upon summons, with warranty, in consideration of 100*s*. paid by the said William and Joan. Witnesses: Thomas de Mere, Hugh de la Hele, William Hughet, Robert le Yreys, William de Myrydone, Thomas de Boclaunde, John Uppehille of Cnappe.

R.III. f. 86*d*.

Gift by William atte Ferthyng of Cnappe to John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter of two messuages with curtilages, 1 ferling and 10 acres of land, and 3 acres of meadow in Cnappe in the manor of Northcory, namely one messuage, 5 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow which Walter de la Welle held in villenage of Walter de Caam formerly lord of Cnappe, that messuage and ferling of land with meadow adjacent which Tunnilda (*sic*) who was wife of Roger le White formerly held in villenage of Walter Caam, 4 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow in Chaldewell extending from the way from Knappe to Hamme southward to Langmede, and 1 acre of land at Thilkethorne and 1 acre of meadow in Knappemede which Robert son of Gilbert atte Welle formerly held, (all of the grant of the said Walter de Caam,) with warranty. Witnesses: Robert Gyan, Thomas de Mere, Richard de Fonte, John de la Slo, John de Knappe, William Hughet.

R.III. f. 87.

Quitclaim by Joan daughter of William de la Ferthyng to John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter of 4 acres of land and 1 acre of meadow formerly purchased by her of Walter de Caam at Chaldewell. Dated Northcory, Friday before St. Leonard 10 Edward II. Witnesses: Master Hugh Pencriz, William de Bourne canons of Wells, Sir William de Westbury steward, Master William Barton clerk, John de Knappe, Simon de Welesford, William de Hynelond.

R.III. f. 87*d*.

POKELCHYRCHE (ff. 89–96*d*.).

Agreement dated 50 Henry III, between the bishop of Bath and Wells and the abbey of Glastonbury (see f. 19: above, p. 311).

R.III. ff. 89-91.

Bull of Pope Boniface [IX], upon a petition of the dean and chapter of Wells, appropriating the parish church of Pokulchurche in the diocese of Worcester, after the decease or cession of the then rector, to the charges of the chapter table, the revenues whereof are estimated not to exceed 880 marks, saving a portion for a perpetual vicar there. Dated St. Peter's Rome, vi id. May 7 Pope Boniface.

R.III. f. 91. (This and subsequent papal instruments entered in the register have been defaced).

Proxy by Thomas de Byngham subdean and president of Wells and the chapter, in the dean's absence, to Sir Thomas Nywman vicar in the church of Wells and John Wycombe clerk notary public to act for them in all causes. Dated the chapter house Wells, 3 December 1395.

R.III. f. 91*d*.

Ordinance of Ralph de Ergham bishop of Bath and Wells founding, by consent of his chapters, in honour of the Virgin Mary, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew and All Saints, a chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave of Wells for a chaplain (not vicar of Wells nor elsewhere preferred), to be appointed by himself during his life and afterwards by the chapter, to celebrate mass immediately after the morning mass for King Richard, John duke of Lancaster, the said bishop, Gilbert de Ergham and Agnes his wife (deceased) and Agnes Rabas (deceased) sister of the said bishop: in default of appointment the bishop to collate, and in default of the bishop the archbishop: the chaplain to wear the habit of a vicar at his own cost, to take yearly for his salary from the dean and chapter 4*l*. of the revenues of the church of Pokulchirche in the diocese of Worcester, payable at St. Jerome, the Circumcision, the Annunciation and Midsummer: the books, chalices, ornaments, bread, wine and wax to be found by the dean and chapter: the chaplain to be punished if he omit his service once, and if for 8 days to be removed: the full office of the dead for the aforesaid persons to be yearly sung in the choir with solemn sounding of the gongs on St. Nicholas' day during the said bishop's life and afterwards on the day of his death, and the mass thereof on the morrow, as for founders and bishops of the said church, and 8*d*. to be paid to every canon then present, and 4*d*. to every vicar and to the said chaplain if present, of the revenues of the said church, but if by reason of war, pestilence or other calamity such revenues be found insufficient these payments to be reduced, provided the fact be ascertained by inquisition on oath, and if the church of Pokulchyrche be taken from the dean and chapter, the same to cease. Dated Wyvelescombe, 20 January 1398.

Assent of Thomas de Byngham subdean and president of Wells (in the absence of Nicholas Slake the dean) and the chapter to the above foundation, with bond for their observance of the same. Dated the chapter house Wells, 18 February the same year.

Assent of John prior of Bath and the chapter, dated the chapter house Bath, 3 March the same year.

R.III. f. 92.

Gift by Ralph Erghum bishop of Bath and Wells, by licence of King Richard, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the advowson of Pokulchyrche. Witnesses: William Calf, John Podmor, Roger Walsh. Dated Banewell, 2 November 20 Richard II.

R.III. f. 93.

Proxy by the chapter of Wells, in the dean's absence, upon the appropriation to them of the church of Pokulchyrche in the diocese of Worcester, to Master Richard Harewell canon of Wells and Sir William Hope chaplain a vicar thereof, to treat with Tideman bishop of Worcester touching the indemnification of the said bishop by reason of such appropriation. Dated the chapter house Wells, 2 June 1397.

R.III. f. 93.

Bond of the dean and chapter of Wells, (reciting that, in accordance with letters of Pope Boniface IX appropriating, with the consent of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells the patron, to them and to their table the church of Pokulchyrche in the diocese of Worcester with the chapels of Westerleigh and Abboteston, and by licence of King Richard founder and patron of their church, they have taken possession of the said church of Pokulchyrche, void by the death of Sir Walter Hethenand the last rector,) for payment of a yearly pension of 6*s*. 8*d*., granted by them to Tydeman bishop of Worcester for his indemnification by reason of such appropriation and to his successors for ever, payable at Michaelmas in the aforesaid church. Sealed in the chapter house Wells, 20 June 1397.

R.III. f. 93*d*.

Similar bond, sealed at Helyngdon, 24 June 1397.

R.III. f. 93*d*.

Confirmation by Tidiman bishop of Worcester of the appropriation made by Pope Boniface IX of the church of Pokulchyrche in that diocese to the table of the canons of Wells, reserving a portion for a vicarage. Dated Helyngdon, 30 June 1397.

R.III. f. 94.

Declaration by Nicholas More clerk of the diocese of Wells, notary public, that on 12 November 1396 in his presence, Master Richard Harewell and Master Richard Bruton canons of Wells, professing themselves to be proctors of the dean and chapter, being in the porch of the church of Pokulchirche, the said Master Richard Bruton, by authority of a bull of Pope Boniface IX touching the appropriation of the said church to the said dean and chapter, and of letters under the great seal of King Richard (both of which he inspected), opened the door of the said church, and entered therein, with Richard Harewell the said notary and the witnesses, and advancing to the high altar took possession of the church in the name of the dean and chapter, and in sign thereof took in their hands the books, missals, chalices and ornaments of the church, rang or caused to be rung the church bells, and re-

maining in the chancel while high mass was celebrated caused the said papal and royal letters to be published, and their effect to be declared before a great concourse of people in the vulgar tongue, and on the same day entered and took possession of the rectory manse : and after on the 13 November held a court of the church tenants in the hall of the said rectory, who appeared before the said proctors and acknowledging the said dean and chapter for their lords, gave their oaths of fealty : copy of the bull aforesaid (as above, f. 91, p. 356), and of letters patent of King Richard, tested at Westminster 24 September 20 Richard II, being a licence in mortmain, in consideration of 40*l.* paid by the dean and chapter, to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to grant to the dean and chapter the advowson of Pokulchyrch, and to the dean and chapter to take and hold the same, and to appropriate and hold the church, with a proviso for the vicar's portion. In presence of Sir Thomas Cycampton, Thomas Berton and Thomas Lupeyate of the dioceses of Wells, Ely and Worcester.

R.III. f 94*d.*, 95.

Confirmation by John prior of St. Mary Worcester and the chapter, dated the chapter house Worcester, 1 April 1401, of the agreement made by the dean and chapter of Wells for the indemnification of the bishop of Worcester by reason of the appropriation of the church of Pokulchirch with the chapels of Westerlegh and Abboteston, reciting their bond dated Helyngdon, 24 June 1397 (as above, f. 93*d.*, p. 357).

R.III. f. 96.

Bond of the dean and chapter of Wells to the prior and chapter of the cathedral church of St. Mary Worcester for payment of an annuity of 3*s.* 4*d.* payable at Michaelmas, and in case of vacancy of that see 3*s.* 4*d.* additional, in recompense for the emoluments they should receive during a vacancy of the see from the church of Pokulchirch, which was appropriated to the said dean and chapter by Pope Boniface IX, by licence of King Richard II and consent of bishop Tydiman, confirmed by the said prior and chapter, to be null and void should the said church be taken from them. Dated the chapter house Wells, 6 April 1401 : the chapter house Worcester, 12 April the same year.

R.III. f. 96*d.*

The Manor of Wynescumbe (ff. 97—104).

Institution by Joscelin bishop of Bath of the dean and chapter of Wells as parson of the church of Wynescumbe, upon the resignation of Walter de Cusington canon of Wells, in pursuance of his grant of the manor and church aforesaid (when vacant) to the church of Wells made at the dedication thereof, and induction of the said dean and chapter in the person of William de Button archdeacon of Wells, saving a perpetual vicarage to be assessed by the said bishop or his successors to the value of 5 marks, to which the dean and chapter shall present, saving also the bishop's

dignity, power and jurisdiction, and the archdeacon's right, in recompense whereof the usual synodals shall be doubled. Dated Wells, St. Hilary 1241.

R.III. f. 97.

Writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath, reciting the institution and induction of the dean and chapter of Wells to the church of Wynescumbe (as above), and embodying a grant made by the said dean and chapter to Walter de Cosington for life for his maintenance (for that in resigning the said church he preferred the common good to his own advantage) of the emoluments, fruits and obventions of their churches of Modiford and Luvyngton (belonging to their common fund) and their lands at Luvyngton in name of a single benefice without cure of souls, the dean and chapter (by the vicar) supporting all ordinary charges in Mudiford except the archdeacon's procuration, but in Luvyngton only the repair of the chancel, books and ornaments, and retaining possession by the said Walter as their proctor : the said Walter to leave the church houses as he found them, but the cost of any improvements to be refunded to him. Dated Wells, St. Hilary 1241.

R.III. f. 97.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Roger bishop of Bath, dated Chyu vii id. January in the first year of his episcopate, (by the hand of Master Richard Haldeswrth,) of a grant made by John dean of Wells and the chapter, with consent of bishop Joscelin, to Walter de Cusington canon of Wells for life, of the emoluments of their churches of Mudiford and Luvington with their lands at Luvington as a single benefice without cure of souls, with bond to make up any damages the said Walter might incur by the loss of such emoluments without fault of his own, pledging for that purpose the fruits and obventions of their church of Cheddre and all their goods there : dated Wells, St. Hilary 1241.

R.III. f. 97*d*.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Roger bishop of Bath, dated Chyu vii id. January in the first year of his episcopate, (by Master Richard de Haldeswrth,) of the above writing of Joscelin bishop of Bath, reciting the institution and induction of the dean and chapter of Wells to the church of Wynescumbe, and embodying the grant made by the said dean and chapter to Walter de Cusington for life of the emoluments of their churches of Mudiford and Luvington with their lands at Luvington ; dated Wells, St. Hilary 1241.

R.III. f. 98*d*.

Gift by Joscelin bishop of Bath to the church of Wells at its dedication, and to the dean and chapter, of the manor and church of Wynescumb. Dated 1239.

R.III. f. 99. See R.I. f. 50*d*.; above, p. 59, No. clxxxxix.

Charter of King Henry [III] granting to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors the manors of Wynescumbe, Pukeleschurch,

Blacford and Cranmere, quittance of the suit which the last mentioned manor used to do to the hundred of the monks of Glastonbury, that portion of the knights belonging to the fees and lands aforesaid, the fee and service of one knight in Camelarton, the advowsons of Aissebiry, Cristemaleford, Kyngton, Bokeland and Camelarton, all which remained to the said bishop by a concord between him and Eustace prior of Glastonbury and the convent, made by mediation of R. bishop of Salisbury and S. late abbot of Radinge. Witnesses: Eustace bishop of London and others named. Dated Westminster, 22 January 11 Henry [III].

R.III. f. 99*d*. (Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 1).

Grant by William bishop of Bath and Wells, that whereas the dean and chapter of Wells hold of the gift of his predecessor Joscelin bishop of Bath the manor of Wynescumbe, saving the services of tenants by knight service, reliefs, escheats, wards, and the suit of the said manor at the bishop's hundred of Banewell (as by his charter which the grantor has inspected), neither the bishop nor his free men nor any other shall have the right of entry with swine or other beasts into the woods of the said manor at the time of acorns or at other times, save with the consent of the dean and chapter, their farmer or bailiff. Dated Dogmersfeld, kal. October 14 bishop William, by Richard de Bamfeld canon of Wells.

R.III. f. 99*d*.

Gift by Henry Loueseft' to St. Andrew Wells, Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors in frank almoin, quit of all service, of 4½ acres with a dike in his demesne *cultura* upon the moor of Sanford towards the north, with warranty. Witnesses: Ralph de Lydiard, Richard de Mere, Stephen de Sanford, Victor de la Hale, Henry de Wyntred', Richard de la Hulle, Robert de Playz.

R.III. f. 99*d*.

Gift and quitclaim by Henry Loueseft to the church of St. James Wynescumbe, Master William de Kaynesham parson thereof and his successors in frank almoin, of a meadow called Eldunameda, between the land called Morlanda on the north side thereof and the watercourse leading to grantor's mill, with warranty, in consideration of 11*s*. Witnesses: Henry de Wyntred, Victor, Robert de Molendino, Henry de Berton, Elias de la Forda, Gilbert de Sanford, Ralph de Lincumbe.

R.III. f. 100.

Charter of Henry Luueseft, reciting the dedication of the church of Wynescumbe to St. James the apostle by Joscelin bishop of Bath on vii kal. September in the 30th year of his episcopate, and giving as an endowment to the said church, by the assent of his wife and his heirs, his alder grove called Durnehete, extending along the watercourse called Merstrem between the bishop and Henry Luueseft to a meadow of Elias de Ford called Norkemestemede by the new dike, and from the new dike on the east side by a watercourse from Ford to the corner of Aldithemede eastward,

saving the watercourse to grantor's mill. Witnesses: Henry the chaplain of Wynescumbe, William de Stokes bailiff of Banewell, Henry de Wintred, Robert de Molendino, Victor de la Hale, Henry de Berton, Elias de Ford, Gilbert de Sanford.

R.III. f. 100.

Gift and quitclaim by Henry Luueseft to the church of St. James of Wynescumbe and to Master William de Kaynesham parson thereof and his successors, of one acre of land in Wdeborge furlong called Long acre, which William the earl held, on the south side of the said field next the dike, with warranty; in consideration whereof the said parson has given to grantor and his heirs a free watercourse running from the spring called Fitelewlle through his land towards grantor's mill. Witnesses: Jordan the chaplain, Henry de Bert[on], Henry de Wintred, Victor de la Hala, Elias de la Forda, Edward de Sidecote, Robert Wdeuuard, William Tethyngman and Richard his brother.

R.III. f. 100.

Grant and quitclaim by Robert de Sanford, son and heir of Albretha who was wife of Gilbert Wrench, to Giles dean of Wells and the chapter, of a wood in Sanford called Luueseftes Scrobet otherwise Cnytwyneswode, claimed by him before the justices in eyre in county Somerset, lying between the wood which Henry Luueseft her father gave the said Albretha in frank marriage and that of William de Bristoll, with warranty. Witnesses: Adam Hybern[icus], William de Quile, Robert de Caremardyn, Nicholas Coppe, Simon de Monteforti, William Motun, John le Daneis, Walter de Lyncumbe, William de Bristoll, Hugh Malherbe of Sypham. Done at Ivelcestre, in the eyre of Sir Gilbert de Preston, Sir Roger de Wycestre etc., 40 Henry III.

R.III. f. 100*d*.

Grant and quitclaim by Albreda who was wife of Gilbert Wrenhc to Master Giles dean of Wells and the chapter of a wood in Sanford called Louseftes Scrobet otherwise Cnitwyneswode, claimed by her before the justices in eyre, between the wood which Henry Loueseft her father gave her in frank marriage and that of William de Bristoll, with warranty. Witnesses: Adam Hyberniensis, William de Quile, Robert de Carmardyn, Nicholas Coppe, Simon de Monteforti, William Motun, John le Deneys, Walter de Lyncumbe, William de Bristoll, Hugh Malerbe of Sypham. Done at Ivelcestre, in the eyre of Sir Gilbert de Preston, Sir Roger de Wycestre etc., 40 Henry III.

R.III. f. 100*d*.

Gift by Cristina Wrench (daughter and heir of Henry Wrench of Wodeberwe) in her widowhood to William de la Nye vicar of Wynescumbe his heirs or assigns, of one half acre of arable land in Bradecroft by the land of Gonnora de Axebrigge, to hold of the said Cristina, her heirs or assigns, at the yearly rent of one rose, in consideration of 19*s*., with warranty. Witnesses: Robert la Warre

of Sanford, William Motun, Robert Wrench, Joce Bal, Martin le Frye of Bartone, William le Frye of Barton, Martin de la Nye.

R.III. f. 101.

Gift by William de la Nye vicar of Wynescumbe to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter, of one half acre of arable land in Bradecroft by the land of Gunnora de Axebrigge, in exchange for a plot of ground between the vicarage manse on the east and the road from the lord's court to Himeryngdon, (which said half acre the vicar had of the gift of Cristina Wrench daughter and heir of Henry Wrench of Wodebergh,) with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Roger Fitzpayn, Sir Thomas la Warre lord of Rolveston, Sir Robert la Warre, Sir Walter de Monteforti, Sir Robert Malherbe knights.

R.III. f. 101.

Quitclaim by Philip Louestheft of Wynescumbe to the dean and chapter of Wells of all common rights in their several and enclosed lands, moors, woods and pastures in their manor of Wynescumbe, save in an assart by their wood of Brunrigges and in all other places now unenclosed. Witnesses: Sir John de Bellocampo, Sir Richard de Rodenye knights, William atte Ford, William de Mackesmulle, Robert son of Philip de Aschton, Simon de Bradenye, John son of John de Schepton. Dated Wells, the residence of Master Anthony de Bradenye, in presence of the said Anthony and William de Bourne canons of Wells and of John de Bromfeld clerk, Saturday the vigil of Trinity 12 Edward II.

R.III. f. 101*d*.

Indenture of accord, dated Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Edward II, between John Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Geoffrey de Molendinis on the other, the said Geoffrey having procured a writ of novel disseisin against the dean and chapter touching common of pasture upon a moor in Wynescumbe called Blakemore; whereby the dean and chapter grant to the said Geoffrey and his heirs in severalty for ever, 2 acres of pasture therein, lying next their pasture on the west side, and a road over the moor 9 feet wide to the said 2 acres in a straight line from the causeway leading towards Wynescumbe, (the said Geoffrey at his own cost making a dike 4 feet wide to enclose such road on the south, 2 feet to be taken from the moor and 2 feet from the road,) also a road 12 feet wide from the arable land of the said Geoffrey called Esturhull to Cockhull by the watercourse running to the said Geoffrey's mill (to be enclosed as above), and that he may drive his cattle from his tenement called Mackesmull over Muleforlanges to the cross road leading to Barton and beyond as far as Himeringdon, with warranty: in consideration whereof the said Geoffrey quitclaims all right of common upon the said moor. Witnesses: John Howell, Philip de Lung', Nicholas Markes, Henry at Okes bailiff of Banewell, Robert at Stockes. Dated Wells, in chapter, as above.

R.III. f. 101*d*.

Writ addressed to the sheriff of Somerset in a suit of novel disseisin between the dean and chapter of Wells (plaintiffs) and Maurice de Berkele, Eva his wife, Thomas son of the said Maurice, and Maurice son of the said Thomas, concerning their freehold in Wynescumbe: the day to be set by Roger de Bella Fago and John de Batesford. Tested at Ewelle by Peter de Gaveston earl of Cornwall, 3 February 1 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 102.

Commission by King Edward [I] to Hervey de Staunton and John Randolf justices to take an assize of novel disseisin between the dean and chapter of Wells (plaintiffs) and Maurice de Berkele, Eva his wife and others, of tenements in Wynescumbe. Tested at St. Albans, 16 June 34 Edward [I]. (Birlaund).

R.III. f. 102*d*.

Grant by William de la Ford the younger to the dean and chapter of Wells that they may scour and repair an ancient dike 5 feet in width dividing their grove from a small parcel of the said William's land on the south side thereof at Longenacresweye in the manor of Wynescumbe, and plant the same with thorns etc.: it having been found by men of the neighbourhood after viewing the same that the said dike is and always was the true boundary upon the soil of the dean and chapter, and that two oaks which he had cut down were growing upon their soil, wherefore he had paid 10*l*. for damages, and given up the timber. Witnesses: Ellis de Godelee, John de Barton, Robert atte Nye, Henry le Fry, Master William de Barton. Dated Wells in chapter, Saturday St. Prisca 1325.

R.III. f. 103.

Indenture of agreement, made on Monday after the octave of Trinity viii id. June 1306, between John Goodelee dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Master Roger Huse, Master Robert de Milverton clerks, Roger de Mideltone, and John de Bamptone laymen (executors of Master Henry Huse late dean of Wells) on the other, whereby the dean and chapter, by assent of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, lease the manor and church of Wynescumbe to the said executors for 3 years from Michaelmas 1305, as fully as the same were held by Master William Burnell late provost of Wells and farmer of the said manor and church, extraordinary charges to be allowed them, with warranty; in consideration whereof the said executors have given the dean and chapter 200*l*., and shall give them yearly 10 marks at Michaelmas, maintain ordinary charges, and keep the buildings in repair; this term to be extended a year longer if 50 marks lent by them to the dean and chapter be not repaid to the said executors at Wells by St. Lawrence next, and 40*l*. the residue of the loan in the said fourth year by four quarterly payments.

R.III. f. 103.

Memorandum of agreement, made on Tuesday after the octave of Trinity vii id. June 1306, between John de Goodelee dean of

Wells and the chapter on the one part and Master Roger Huse and others (executors of Master Henry Huse late dean of Wells) on the other, whereby the dean and chapter lease to the said executors their manor and church of Wynescumbe for a term of years, as above, with this condition, that if by St. Lawrence the dean and chapter shall give security for payment of 10*l.* yearly for ever for the soul of the said dean Huse towards an anniversary, obit and distribution, as the said executors shall arrange, and by the same day pay to them 50 marks (delivered as a loan to the dean and chapter with 200*l.* paid for the said perpetuity), or shall pay the said 200*l.* together with the said loan, the said executors shall immediately render back the said manor and church and the agreement concerning the same.

R.III. f. 103*d.*

Appeal to the papal see by J. dean of Wells and the chapter against the impeachment of R. bishop of Bath and Wells before the abbots of Glouecestre and Persore and the prior of Evesham by the abbot and convent of Glastonbury touching the manor and advowson of Wynescumbe and other matters in their bill contained; and proxy to Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton and Luke de Membyri canons of Wells to lodge this appeal. Dated Wells, Wednesday after St. Luke 1246.

R.III. f. 104.

Bull of Pope Innocent IV, addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells, announcing his decision in their dispute with the prior and convent of Bath touching the right of electing a bishop. Dated Lyons, iii non. January 2 Pope Innocent.

R.III. f. 104. *Papal Letters* i. 212.

[Four folios cut out of the book: ff. 105-8.]

Letter of credence from the chapter of Wells to W. archbishop of York and the lords of the king's council (in the absence of the king) in favour of Master W. Button archdeacon of Wells and William provost of Cumbe canons of Wells, their proctors appointed to crave licence for the election of a bishop, bishop Joscelin having died on the vigil of St. Edmund, and the right to elect belonging to them jointly with the prior and convent of Bath. Dated Wells, St. Clement's day 1242.

R.III. f. 109.

Fine levied at Exeter on Tuesday before the Ascension 3 Henry III, before Joscelin bishop of Bath and Wells, Roger Cole, Robert de Cardinan', John de Briwes and Osbert son of William justices in eyre, between Joscelin bishop of Bath and Wells and Henry de Tracy, of the advowson of Southbovi, upon a writ of warranty of charter: the defendant acknowledges and warrants a charter of Oliver his father to St. Andrew Wells and bishop Reginald.

R.III. f. 109. See his *inspeximus* above, p. 41, and the original below, f. 384, p. 490.

[Prebend of Warminster, ff. 109*d*.–111.]

Certificate by William de Ralegh treasurer of Exeter to R. bishop of Durham, that he was present in London at the making of an accord by the said bishop between J. bishop of Bath and Thomas Mauduit, Nicholas Avenel, and W. son and heir of the said Nicholas, and remembers that the bishop of Bath expressly mentioned 4 marks to be assigned to a vicar in the church of Wells, besides the portion of 30 marks falling to the canon of Wells who should hold the prebend of Werministre ; the said 4 marks, and the assignment of a plot of ground in the parish of Werministre to such canon to receive his fruits thereupon, whereof the bishop of Durham himself made mention, not having been inserted in the said accord.

R.III. f. 109*d*.

Award made by the bishop of Durham on Monday before the Assumption, in presence of Master Richard official and vicegerent of the lord [bishop] of Salisbury, Master H. Teissun canon of Salisbury, Master W. de Burgo and Master R. de Ambian' clerks of the bishop of Durham, assigning for a prebend of Wells (to which upon the presentation of J. bishop of Bath Master John de Uffinton was admitted and instituted by R. bishop of Salisbury) the great tithes of Great Corslegh and its appurtenances, to wit the great tithes of Great Corslegh, the tithes of Whiteburn and of Buggelegh, of 3 carucates of land, of Tolnestun, Chepmanneslade under the road, and Little Corslegh, as of the value of 30 marks : the assignment of 4 marks to a vicar to serve the said prebend in the church of Wells being deferred until the bishop be assured whether by the tenor of an ancient compromise in writing between the bishop of Durham, Master W. archdeacon of Berkesire and Master E. de Berham (*sic*) power was reserved to vary the same, and the assignment of a plot of ground to the said canon for a dwelling until by inquisition a convenient spot be found within the parish of Werministre. Done at Tarent, the day aforesaid in the second year of E. archbishop of Canterbury.

R.III. f. 110 : repeated f. 398.

Mandate of J. Sarracenus the pope's subdeacon and chaplain and dean of Wells to the abbots, priors, parsons, vicars and chaplains throughout the diocese of Bath and Wells, dated the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1250, to execute a mandate received from the archdeacon of St. Albans and John de Bolum chaplain of the abbot of St. Albans and official of the said archdeacon, as vicegerents and commissioners of the abbot prior (*sic*) of St. Albans and dean of London, dated Tuesday before St. John Baptist 1250, addressed to the dean and subdean of Wells and the dean of Exeter, enjoining them to publish in all conventual, cathedral and parish churches throughout the said diocese that, in the vacancy of that see, the ordinary jurisdiction belongs to the archdeacon of Tanton, namely the cognisance of causes in the ecclesiastical court, the correction and visitation of clerks and churches of his archdeaconry, and the institution of clerks, revoking and annulling all attempts of Master

Thomas de Bedeford to the prejudice of the said archdeacon, condemning him in 60 marks to be paid to the said archdeacon for costs and interest, and excommunicating him until he has contented the same.

R.III. f. 110.

Letter of R. abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to J. bishop of Bath, reminding him that they had long since, at his request, presented Sir R. de Lexinton to the church of Hamme, but the presentation had not taken effect; and signifying their pleasure that the bishop should admit Master Benedict the pope's writer to the said church in accordance with a papal provision.

R.III. f. 110*d*.

Accord between J. bishop of Bath on the one part and Sir Thomas Maudut and Sir Nicholas Avenel knights on the other touching the patronage of the church of Werministre, the parties and William son and heir of Sir N. Avenel having submitted to the arbitrament of Richard bishop of Durham under a penalty of 100*l*., with whom was associated Sir William de Ralegh by their consent; whereby the advowson of Werministre remains for ever to the said knights, saving a portion of 30 marks to be assigned in certain places in the parish of Werministre for a prebend of Wells to a clerk to be collated by the bishop of Bath and his successors and presented to the bishop of Salisbury, and by him instituted and sworn to obedience: ordinary charges to be borne by the clerks presented by the said knights and admitted by the bishop of Salisbury, extraordinary charges partly by the bishop of Bath's clerk and partly by the rector, all that shall accrue by fallows (*ex novalibus*) chapels or tithes to go to the rector, and no increase to the prebendary, who shall hold the said 30 marks without cure of souls. This accord was accepted and ratified by the bishop of Salisbury then being present, and it was agreed that he and the bishop of Durham shall commission two clerks to value the portions of the said church and despatch their valuation in writing to the bishop of Durham, and he shall set apart such as he may think proper to the amount aforesaid. Sealed by R. bishop of Durham, R. bishop of Salisbury, J. bishop of Bath, Thomas Madut, Nicholas Avenel, and W. his son. Witnesses: Master William de Avenel archdeacon of Berks, Master H. Tesson canon of Salisbury, Master Ralph official of the lord [bishop] of Salisbury, Master Clement de Melcheburne, Sir Herbert son of Matthew, Nicholas de Meoles, Walter de Godarville, Godfrey de Skydemore, Geoffrey de Insula, Thomas de Altavilla. Done in London, the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas M. 9 Gregory IX.

R.III. f. 110*d*.

Declaration by Nicholas bishop of Tusculum and papal legate, at the instance of Josceline bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, that at his monition the said bishop, exercising the office of abbot of Glastonbury in the same manor (*sic*), caused a certain clerk to be admitted a monk and brother of the abbey, upon his petition

to the said legate when present there, and that the prior and convent assented to such admission. Dated Bath, ii id. April.

R.III. f. 111. Adam de Domerham, i. 237; where for *manerio* is the emended reading *monasterio*.

Letter of N. abbot of Lunley and the convent to J. bishop of Bath presenting G. their monk, and craving his admission as prior of their priory of Stokecurcy.

R.III. f. 111*d*.

Abjuration and quitclaim by Herbert de Stowa to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors of the whole land of Hertthorr' which he held in the manor of Wells with the men etc. thereto belonging, in consideration of 10 marks. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Lincoln, William archdeacon of Lincoln, William precentor of Wells, William archdeacon of Buckingeham, Thomas de Fiskerton, Master William de Linc[oln], Peter de Bathonia canons of Lincoln, Roger the chaplain, Master Adam de Clanefeld, Ralph de Warreville, Gilbert de Taunton canons of Wells, Geoffrey son of Ralph, Richard Cotele, Reginald de Altavilla.

R.III. f. 111*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Walter dean of Wells and the chapter, witnessed by Sir John vicar of Cheddre, Thomas de Hanam, John le Deneys, William de Hanam, Hugh de Malherbe, Gervase Godeing and Robert de Aula, to a demise and grant made by Hugh Everard canon of Wells, farmer of the dean and chapter of Wells of the church of Cheddre, to Walter de Alewarton called the cook, of a messuage with curtilage, arable land, meadow etc. in the town of Cheddre, formerly held by Roger Pikot, to hold for his life of the dean and chapter freely etc., at a rent of 2*s*. and 6*d*. for labour thereto belonging, payable to the grantor during his life and afterwards to the dean and chapter.

R.III. f. 111*d*.

Appropriation by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury (after inspecting a charter of William son of Henry de Hardington) to the church of St. Mary of Keynesham, of the church of Hardington, saving a perpetual vicarage and the episcopal customs. Witnesses: Richard abbot of Micheln[ey], Alexander the dean, William the precentor, Master Ralph de Lecchel[ade] canons of Wells, Master Alan de Creton official of Hugh de Well', Joscelin de Well', Roger de Well', John Cauuel canons of Wells.

R.III. f. 112.

[Compton's Burgages; ff. 113–120. See R.I. ff. 254*d*., 279*d*.; above, p. 270].

Letters patent of King Edward [III] granting to the dean and chapter of Wells that they may take of the executors of Walter de Compton late burgess of Wells, and hold to them and their successors, a burgage and two shops thereto attached in the high street of the town of Wells (held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by

service of 3*s*.), and a burgage in the same street by Jacobeswell (held of the said bishop by 4*d*. yearly), devised to the dean and chapter by will of the said Walter, subject to a charge of 8*s*. yearly to the vicars of St. Andrew Wells for an anniversary therein anciently founded, though no licence in mortmain for such devise had been obtained. Tested at Westminster, 20 February 41 Edward [III].

R.III. f. 113.

Grant by John bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells of a faculty to take and hold a burgage with two shops attached in the high street of the city of Wells, and a burgage in the same street by Jacobeswell, towards an anniversary in their church of Wells, under the will of Walter de Compton deceased, paying to the bishop and his successors the services and rents due and accustomed. Dated London, 10 January 1366.

R.III. f. 113.

Inquisition *ad quod damnum*, taken at Welles county Somerset before John de Bekynton the escheator, 8 February 41 Edward III, by oath of Richard Stewey (*sic*), Richard Broun, Nicholas Critesham, John Hamme, William Hert, William Churchestille, John Bouediche, John Clother, John de Gurdell, Walter Baker, John Yevelton and William de Compton, finding that the king may without damage grant the petition of the dean and chapter as to a burgage and two shops thereto attached in the high street of the town of Wells, and a burgage in the same street by Jacobeswell, to them devised by will of Walter de Compton: that the said burgages and shops are held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by a yearly rent of 3*s*. 4*d*., and by him of the king in chief by knight service: that the first mentioned burgage and shops are charged with 8*s*. yearly payable to the vicars of St. Andrew Wells for an anniversary anciently founded therein, and the burgage by Jacobeswell with 4*s*. yearly payable to the vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells for another anniversary anciently founded in his church: and that they are of the yearly value of 4*l*.

R.III. f. 113*d*. See writ, f. 118*d*.; below p. 372.

Quitclaim by Margery relict of Walter de Compton, in her widowhood, to William Lullok chaplain, his heirs and assigns, of a burgage in the high street of the borough of Wells, between the burgage late of John le Boghiare on the east and the shop where Thomas Scherston dwells on the west, also of a burgage in the said borough opposite Jacobeswell, with warranty. Witnesses: John Langhelond, William Coker, Walter Temedebury, Thomas Mertok, Richard Stouweye, John le Roper, Nicholas Fikays. Dated Wells, Monday before the Nativity of St. John Baptist 37 Edward III.

R.III. f. 113*d*.

Lease by Robert Boret and Juliana his wife to Adam Tottebourne burgess of Wells and Alice his wife of two selds with solars above them in Wells in the high street of the town, between the

tenement late of Adam de Cheleworth on the east and that of John de Fyshyde chaplain on the west, to hold during the life of the said Juliana of the chief lords, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, John Roper, Walter de Middelton, William Faukes, Richard Everard, Thomas le Salter, Walter de Compton. Dated Wells, Monday before the Annunciation 24 Edward III.

R.III. f. 114.

Quitclaim by John de Chidiok knight to Walter de Compton of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a burgage in the high street of the borough of Wells, between the burgage late of John le Bouyer on the east and that of Thomas Sherston on the west, with two selds thereto attached, and of a burgage opposite Jacobeswell in the burgage (*sic*) aforesaid, also of 3 acres (*sic*) of meadow in Wells foreign, whereof 2 acres lie in Knollemede and 1½ acres in Paulershamesmede; all of which the said John had for his life by gift of William de Chelleworth son and heir of William de Chelleworth. Witnesses: William de Welde, John Leddrede, John le Doo, John Longh', Walter de Temedebury, Thomas Draycote, John le Ropere, Thomas de Mertok. Dated Wells, Monday after St. Andrew 35 Edward III.

R.III. f. 114*d*.

Lease by Walter de Compton burgess of Wells to Alice Croterys (Crouterys) of Wellys of a shop with solar attached in the high street of Wells by Jacobeswell, between the messuage of William Bythewode and that of Cristina relict of John Comehawe, to hold for her life at a yearly rent of 10*s*., with warranty. Witnesses: John le Roper steward of the borough, Thomas de Draycote, Adam de Carleton, John Chestre, Thomas de Somerton clerk. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Peter and St. Paul 36 Edward III.

R.III. f. 114*d*.

Quitclaim by Robert Boret and Juliana his wife to Adam de Tettebourn and Alice his wife of all right, by reason of the dower of the said Juliana or otherwise, in a messuage in Wells on the south side of the high street, formerly of Adam de Cheleworth deceased. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, Guy de Astyngton, Richard Everard, John Ropere, Thomas le Salter, Thomas Draycote, William Wynd, Alan Loder. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Luke 1352.

R.III. f. 115.

Gift by William de Chelleworth son and heir of William de Chelleworth of Wellys to John de Chidiok, William Aumarle knights, Robert de Panes and William de Byngham and the heirs and assigns of William de Byngham, of all his lands, tenements, burgages, rents, services and reversions in the free borough of Wells, the rents, services and reversions due from Alice late wife of Adam de Tettebourn called Monyere for lands, burgages etc. held for life by his demise in the borough of Wellys and Wellys foreign, his lands, rents, services and reversions at Byestwalles by the borough

of Wellys and in Wellys to the same belonging, the rents, services and reversions held for life by Philip Drake in Woky, and the lands, woods, rents, services and reversions in Est Chelleworth which descended to him by his father's decease, to hold of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses: John de Meriet, Walter de Romesye knights, John atte Forde, Thomas de Panes, William de Welde, John Fauconer, John Leddrede the younger, John Longh', Thomas de Mertok of Wellys, Thomas Draycote, Robert Forde of Yevele, John le Doo, Robert de Coker, William le Doo. Dated Sutton Byngham, Thursday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist 35 Edward III.

R.III. f. 115.

Lease indented by Walter de Compton and Margery his wife to Henry Bouedicgh and Juliana (later called 'Joan') his wife, of the tenement late of Adam de Chelleworth in the high street of the town of Wellys, (a wine cellar excepted which the said Adam in his life time disposed for his tavern,) to hold with one shop for their lives at a yearly rent of 6 marks; provided that if the survivor of the said Walter and Margery should not care to keep house after the other's death, such survivor may have a room in the said tenement with free ingress and egress to dwell therein; with warranty. Witnesses: Walter de Themedebury, John le Ropere, Richard Stouuer' (*sic*), William Churchestille, Thomas Phelippes, John Bouedicgh, John Smoggere. Dated Wells, Monday after St. Matthias 36 Edward III.

R.III. f. 116.

Quitclaim by William de Chelworth son and heir of William de Chilleworth, of full age, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of a burgage with selds attached in the high street of Wells on the south side, between the tenement late of John le Bogher and the selds of Thomas de Draycote on the east and the shop wherein Thomas Scherston dwells on the west, also of a burgage in the borough of Wells opposite Jacobeswell, with warranty. Witnesses: John Langh', William Coker, Walter Temptebury, Thomas Mertok, Richard Stowey, John Ropere of Wells, Robert Coker, Thomas Draycote of Wells. Dated Wells, Tuesday the vigil of the chair of St. Peter 37 Edward III.

R.III. f. 116*d*.

Fine levied at Westminster in a month of Easter 37 Edward III, between William Lullok chaplain, Margery Moners and Margery who was wife of Walter de Compton plaintiffs and William de Chelleworth deforciant, of two messuages in Wells, assuring the same to plaintiffs and the heirs of William Lullok, with warranty.

R.III. f. 117. (Somerset Record Soc. xvii. 53).

Quitclaim by William de Chellesworth son and heir of William Chelesworth, of full age, to Margery relict of Walter de Compton, Margery Moners and Sir William Lullok chaplain (executor of the said Walter), of a burgage with selds attached in the high street of

Wells on the south side, between a tenement late of John le Boghier and selds of Thomas de Draycote on the east and the shop wherein Thomas Scherston dwells on the west, also of a burgage in the borough of Wellys opposite Jacobeswell, with warranty. Witnesses: John Langelond, William Coker, Walter Temtebury, Thomas Mertok, Richard Stoweye, John le Ropere of Wells, Robert Coker, Thomas Draycote of Wellys. Dated Tuesday the vigil of the chair of St. Peter 37 Edward III.

R.III. f. 117.

Quitclaim by Robert Boret and Juliana his wife to Adam de Tettebourne called Monyers and Alice his wife and the heirs of the said Adam, of all lands, rents, services and reversions in Wellys, Woky and Hornyngdon which might fall to the said Juliana by reason of her dower by the death of William de Cheleworth her late husband. Dated Wellys, Monday before St. Barnabas 28 Edward III. Witnesses: Walter de Temedebury, John le Ropere, Walter de Compton, Thomas le Salter, Thomas Draycote.

R.III. f. 117*d*.

Quitclaim by William de Chelleworth son and heir of William de Chelleworth of Welles to Walter Compton of Wellys, his heirs and assigns, of a burgage with two selds thereto attached, held for life by Alice late the wife of Adam de Tettebourne called Monyour by demise of the said William, and of a burgage in the borough of Wellys opposite Jacobbiswell, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Temptebury, John Roper of Wellys, Thomas Draycote of Wellys, Thomas Mertok, John Longh', John le Doo, William le Doo, Robert Coker. Dated Wellys, Wednesday before St. Kalixtus 35 Edward III.

R.III. f. 117*d*.

Gift by William de Byngham to Walter Compton of Wellys, of 1*d*. yearly rent payable by Alice late the wife of Adam de Tettebourne called Monyour, for a burgage with two selds thereto attached in the high street of the borough of Wellys, between the burgage late of John le Bouwyar on the east and that of Thomas de Sherston on the west, the reversion of 3½ acres of meadow whereof 2 acres lie in Knollemede and 1½ acres in Pauleshammesmede, and the reversion of the burgage aforesaid with two selds thereto attached, after the death of the said Alice, which the said William had by the gift and feoffment of William son and heir of William de Chelleworth; also of a burgage in the borough of Wellys opposite Jacobbeswell; to hold of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Temptebury, Thomas Mertok of Wellys, Thomas Draycote, John Bradewille, Richard Stauweye, John Smoggere, John Ropere of Wellys. Dated Welles, Thursday before St. Kalixtus 35 Edward III.

R.III. f. 118.

Writ of *ad quod damnum*, addressed to John de Bekynton the king's escheator in county Somerset, reciting a petition of the dean and chapter of Wells for licence to take and hold a burgage and two shops to the same attached in the high street of Wells, held of the bishop of Bath and Wells by the service of 3*s*., and a burgage in the same street by Jacobeswell held of the said bishop by the service of 4*d*. a year, devised to the dean and chapter subject to the said services, and the former to a charge of 8*s*. yearly payable to the vicars of St. Andrew Wells for an anniversary anciently founded in that church, the latter to a charge of 4*s*. yearly to the vicar of St. Cuthbert Wells for a like anniversary in his church, by the will of Walter de Compton late burgess of Wells. Tested at Westminster, 20 January.

R.III. f. 118*d*. See inq., f. 113*d*.; above p. 368.

Lease by Robert Boret and Juliana his wife to Adam de Tettebourne and Alice his wife of the third part of a messuage in Wells, that is to say the eastern part, falling to them in name of the dower of the said Juliana of the endowment of William de Chelesworth late her husband, to hold for the life of the said Juliana, with warranty. Dated Wells, Sunday before St. Faith 26 Edward III. Witnesses: Walter de Tempdebury, Guy de Astyngton, John le Ropere, Thomas Salter, Walter de Compton, Thomas de Draycote, Alan Loder, William Wynd, John Mertok, Richard de Harpetre clerk.

R.III. f. 119.

Quitclaim by William de Byngham to Walter de Compton of Wellis his heirs and assigns of a burgage with two selds thereto annexed, and all the meadow held for life by Alice late the wife of Adam de Tettebourne called Monyour by demise of the said William, also of a burgage in the borough of Wellis opposite Jacobeswell, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Temedebury, John Ropere of Wellys, Thomas Draycote of Wellia, Thomas Mertok, Thomas Hegge, John Bouedyche, Thomas Philippes, William Chirchestile. Dated Wellys, Monday after St. Kalixtus 35 Edward III.

R.III. f. 119.

Quitclaim by Isabel de Toryngton (daughter and heir of Eborard le Fraunceys late burgess of the town of Bristol) and John Toryngton her son, executors of the said Eborard, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of all demands under a statute merchant whereby William Chelleworth was bound to the said testator before the mayor of Bristol, and gift to the dean and chapter of a statute merchant of 200*l*. by the said William made, with power to recover the same. Witnesses: Nicholas Cristesham, Richard Stoweye, Henry Bouedich, Thomas Hore, Walter Halyet, Geoffrey Shyrygge, John Knight. Dated Wells, Saturday after the Purification 6 Richard II.

R.III. f. 119*d*.

Quitclaim by John de Rodeneye knight to Master Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter and to their successors, of a yearly rent of one pair of gilt spurs due to him from certain tenements in the city of Wells late of Walter Comptone, wherein Thomas Tanner and Isabel his wife now dwell, and of a chamber and a stable for his horses to him therein reserved free of rent during his presence at the said city. Witnesses: Thomas Tanner, Thomas Hore, Nicholas Cristesham, John Blithe, Richard Ferour. Dated Wellys, Wednesday after St. Matthias 17 Richard II.

R.III. f. 120.

Gift by John de Weleslegh knight to Master Walter de Hull clerk of a piece of land in Wellys county Somerset called la Purihey, between the street leading to Byestewall on the south, a tenement which the said Walter had of the gift of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton on the north, the street leading towards the Monterye on the west, and a tenement of Alice de Welleslegh on the east, and containing in length along the street leading to the Monterye from the said Walter's tenement southward to the street leading to Byestewall 128 feet, and in width 90 feet, to hold of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Dated Wells, Monday after St. Andrew 18 Edward II. Witnesses: Adam de Chellesworth, Roger de Middelton, Nicholas de Palton, Walkelin Tonere, Robert de Wodeford, Richard le Parker, John de Surr'.

R.III. f. 120.

Indenture made 1 October 15 Richard II between John Wareyn canon of Wells on the one part and Master Thomas Byngham, Master Ralph Berners, Master Robert Rugg' and Master Robert Sloo canons of Wells on the other, being a gift by the said John Wareyn of a messuage and curtilages at Wells (late of Master Walter de Hull canon of Wells deceased) which he had of the gift and feoffment of William Iwayn of Modeford, situate in Byestwallys street between a messuage and curtilage of the said John on the east 93½ king's feet in width to the high way from the cathedral to the Mounthorrey on the west, and between the highway to Byestwalles street opposite the entry of the court wherein Master John Upton dwells on the south and the court of the abbot of Muchelney wherein Master Thomas Alston dwells on the north, upon condition that they the said Thomas, Ralph, Robert and Robert, seisin therein being had, shall reconvey the same to the said John Wareyn for his life and one month after his death at a yearly rent of one rose. Sealed by both parties.

R.III. f. 120*d*.

Gift by John Wareyn canon of Wells to Master Thomas Byngham, Master Ralph Berners, Master Robert Rugg', and Master Robert Sloo canons of Wells, their heirs and assigns, of the messuage above described, to hold of the chief lord for ever by the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses: Thomas Tanner, Thomas Mertok, Nicholas Cristesham, John Cokhulle, John

Orchard. Dated Wells, Monday the morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin 16 Richard II.

R.III. f. 121.

Gift by Stephen de Surreye to Hugh de Lymyngton and Robert de Chydyngfold vicars in the cathedral of Wells, of his houses in the city of Wells, between the houses of the abbot of Mochelnye and the tenement late of Walerand de Welleslegh, rendering the services due and accustomed, namely 18*d.* yearly to the chief lord and 4*lb.* of incense at Michaelmas to the church of St. Andrew, with warranty, in consideration of 12*l.* Witnesses: John de Garslade, William de Legh[a], Geoffrey de la Hokerstane, Geoffrey de la More, William de la Wythegh, Simon de Kyng', Thomas de Bacwell. Dated Wells, Thursday after St. Petronilla 27 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 121*d.*

Gift by Robert de Chidyngfold vicar in the church of Wells to Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer of the said church and Sir Hugh de Oppehull vicar therein, of his houses wherein he dwelt in Wells towards the Mountery, between the house of the abbot of Mochelnye and that of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton, with closes and appurtenances, rendering to the chief lords the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses: John Samuel, Roger de Estrete, Roger de Middelton, William Stot, Thomas de Oppehull.

R.III. f. 121*d.*

Gift by Hugh de Uppehull vicar in the cathedral of Wells to Master Walter de Hulle archdeacon of Bath of his whole tenement with closes and appurtenances in the town of Wells, which he had of the gift and feoffment of Robert de Chidyngfold late vicar in the said cathedral, situate between the tenement of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye on the north and the tenement late of Hugh de Lymyngton on the south, to hold of the chief lords rendering the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Dated Wells, Saturday St. Luke 22 Edward III. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Rodeneye, Sir Walter de Pavele knights, John le Boghiar, Thomas de Draycote, Thomas de Testwode, Richard Everard, John Picher.

R.III. f. 122.

Quitclaim by Hugh de Uppehulle vicar in the cathedral of Wells to Master Walter de Hulle archdeacon of Bath, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement with closes and appurtenances in Mounterye street in Welles (as above). Sealed with the seal of the exchequer of the bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Luke 22 Edward III. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Rodenye, Sir Walter de Pavele knights, John le Boghiare, Thomas de Draycote, Thomas de Testwode, Richard Everard, John Picher.

R.III. f. 122.

Quitclaim by Richard de Thistilden treasurer of Wells to Master Walter de Hulle archdeacon of Bath, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement, closes etc. in Wells in the Mounterye street, between the tenement of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye and that late of Hugh de Lymyngton vicar of Wells, whereof Sir Hugh de Uppehulle has enfeoffed the said Walter and his heirs in fee simple. Sealed with the seal of the bishop's exchequer. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Luke 22 Edward III. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Rodeneye, Sir Walter de Pavele knights, John le Boghiar, Thomas de Draycote, Thomas de Testwode, Richard Everard, John Picher.

R.III. f. 122*d*.

Quitclaim by Richard de Thistelden treasurer of Wells to Sir Hugh de Uppehulle vicar and subtreasurer of Wells, of the houses to him formerly given by Sir Robert de Chudyngfold in the Mountery. Sealed with his own seal and that of the mayoralty and commonalty of the city of Wells. Dated Wells, Friday before Michaelmas 11 Edward III.

R.III. f. 122*d*.

Agreement between Robert de Cudyngfold and Hugh de Lymyngton vicars in the church of St. Andrew Wells, joint tenants of a tenement by the house of the abbot of Muchelnye on one side by feoffment of Stephen de Sorreye late vicar there, touching the partition of their said tenement, whereby the said Robert quitclaims to the said Hugh his heirs and their assigns the moiety thereof wherein the said Hugh then dwelt, and the said Hugh similarly the moiety wherein the said Robert dwelt, to wit that next the houses of the said abbot, as by bounds between them made, saving that the draw well therein with the way to go and return to draw water therefrom shall remain to them and their heirs in common for ever, the services due to the chief lord to be paid in equal proportions. Witnesses: William de la Wythegh, Geoffrey de la Moure, John de Palton, Nicholas de Palton, John de Veysey, Robert Bouch', William Stot. Dated Wells, Sunday after the Annunciation 33 Edward I.

R.III. f. 123.

Gift by Hugh de Lymyngton vicar in the church of St. Andrew Wells to Master Walter de Hulle vicar there, for 10*l*. paid, of his houses in Wells in Somerset, in a street extending from the Mountery to the street leading direct from Biestwalle to the said church, between the tenement late of Walerand de Welleslegh on the south and grantor's tenement on the north, paying to the chief lord a yearly rent of 9*d*., and to the church of St. Andrew 2*lb*. of incense, with warranty. Dated Wellys, 5 April 16 Edward II. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Adam de Cheleworth, Edmund de Welleslegh, William le Ferour, Master Richard de Baak, Master Luke de Harpetre clerks, John de Surr'.

R.III. f. 123.

Quitclaim by Hugh de Lymyngton vicar in the church of St. Andrew Wells to Master Walter de Hulle clerk, his heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Wells in a street leading direct from the Mountory to the church of St. Andrew, whereof he has by charter enfeoffed the said Master Walter, with warranty. Dated Wells, 16 April 16 Edward II. Witnesses: Roger de Meddilton, Adam de Cheleworth, Thomas de Mertok, Edmund de Welleslegh, Robert de Wodeford, Walkelin Tonere, Master Richard de Baak, Sir Luke de Harpetre, John de Surr'.

R. III. f. 123*d*.

Quitclaim by William de Gosestrode, cousin and heir of Sir Robert de Chedyngfold late vicar of St. Andrew Wells, to Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer of Wells and to Sir Hugh de Uppehulle vicar in the said church their heirs and assigns, of a messuage in Wells between the tenement of the abbot of Muchelnye and that of Sir Hugh de Lymyngton in a street towards the Mountery. Witnesses: Roger de Middelton, Stephen de Wedmor, Thomas Testwode, Master William le Ferour, John de Gosestrode in county Surrey, Master William Stot, Thomas Devenish. Dated Wells, St. Lawrence 7 Edward III.

R. III. f. 123*d*.

ORDER declaring the DAILY MASSES to be conferred upon vicars on the feast of St. Jerome in the church of Wells, the priories in the chapel of St. Mary and of St. Martin, and in what manner they shall be performed. (ff. 124–136*d*.)

Appropriation by William bishop of Bath and Wells, by assent of his chapters, to the dean and chapter of Wells, upon their petition and in consideration of their narrow means, of the church of Stokgummer, of their patronage, upon the decease or cession of Thomas Makerel the rector, saving a perpetual vicarage therein at their presentation, subject to a yearly payment of 100*s*. of the revenues thereof to the clerks of their choir and to the poor for the soul of bishop William his predecessor (who conferred upon them the patronage aforesaid), namely 50*s*. payable quarterly to a chaplain, to be chosen yearly at Michaelmas by the bishop and his successors, to celebrate daily mass with full service for the dead for the soul of the said late bishop at St. Mary's altar where his body lies, and 50*s*. on the anniversary of his deposition to the clerks assembling to celebrate his obit and to the poor who beg in equal portions, payable by the communar who shall convert the portion of the poor into bread; saving the rights and customs of the archdeacon and the right and dignity of the bishop and his churches. Dated Woky, vi non. October 1271.

R.III. f. 124. See also a defective copy, R.I. f 3*d*.

Provision by the executors of John de Button provost of Wells for a chantry at the altar of St. Nicholas in the Lady chapel by the cloister.

See R.I. f. 22: above p. 23.

Foundation of a chantry at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen for John de Axebrugg' subdean.

See R.I. f. 63: above p. 72.

Foundation of canon Bamfeld's chantry at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave.

See R.I. f. 87: above p. 107.

Gift of the prior of Staverdale towards Axebrugg's chantry.

See R.I. f. 116*d.*: above p. 152.

Appropriation of the church of Chilterne to the priory of Bruton, subject to a charge of 12 marks yearly for Button's chantry at the altar of St. Nicholas above mentioned.

See R.I. f. 127: above p. 164.

R.III. ff. 125-128.

Statute of Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, that in the church of St. Andrew in Wells a mass of the blessed Virgin shall be daily celebrated by thirteen clerks, vicars of the said church, of whom three shall be mass priests (*sacerdotes annui*) and celebrate in turn week by week, and shall take to themselves ten vicars to assist in turn, week by week; such vicars during their turn shall sing matins and the other hours of the Virgin before her altar; each of the thirteen vicars shall have 1*d.* a day of the said bishop's provision, and the three priests, by assent of the chapter, shall have full commons instead of half commons which they used to have, but any of them altogether absent, save for sickness, shall lose his penny, and if absent through infirmity may find a substitute. Dated Wells, Ash Wednesday 1 bishop Joscelin.

R.III. f. 128*d.*

Indenture made 5 December 1394, between John Wareyn canon of Wells on the one part, Master Thomas Byngham subdean, Master Gregory Butteleigh, Master Thomas Frome canons, John Alampton, John Bouyngdon and John Axebrigge vicars on the other, reciting a charter of feoffment by the said John Wareyn lately made to the said canons and vicars of divers tenements in Wells returning yearly from the tenants therein dwelling 31*s.* 6*d.* (*sic*), (namely a messuage and curtilage in a street called Southovere 8*s.*, a void place and curtilages adjoining in Chamberlain street 2*s.* 6*d.*, which formerly when built upon returned yearly 10*s.*, three messuages Byestewall with small curtilages adjoining 21*s.*, the tenement wherein John Broun dwells 12*d.*,) and of yearly rents of 23*s.* 4*d.* of his two tenements Byestwallys in Wells, and witnessing the condition of such feoffment, namely that the said canons and vicars shall cause a daily mass to be celebrated in the cathedral at the altar of St. Mary Magdalen on the north side of the choir, at the hour of chapter or immediately after, for the souls of the said John, his parents and benefactors, the vicar celebrating the same to take 12*d.* weekly (or less should the aforesaid rents prove insufficient), subject to a penalty of 40*d.* to the fabric of the church and to the common table of the vicars' hall equally for every such

mass omitted in the place aforesaid, or in the oratory of the said John's residence in Wells during his life should he be too infirm to attend the church: provision for supplying new feoffees, until a licence in mortmain be obtained: one part of this indenture to remain with the feoffees, one with the said John and his heirs, the third in the treasury of Wells, and to be entered in the common register. Witnesses: Master Thomas de Sudbury dean, Master Thomas Spert chancellor, Ralph Bruers, Richard Drayton canons, Thomas Tanner, Thomas Hore, John Blythe burgesses of Wells.

R.III. f. 128*d*.

Indenture made between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Walter Wyncaulton canon of Wells and prebendary of Wormynstre otherwise Luxevyle on the other, reciting that the said Walter has given and delivered to Roger Melles and John Pagenham vicars of the same and principals of the vicars' common hall and to the other vicars in frank almoin 100*l*., a chalice, missal, vestment and other furniture for an altar to be set up at his cost before the image of Holy Cross in the church of Wells on the north side of the high belfry; and in recompense for these and other benefactions, ordaining that a perpetual vicar in the said church, to be nominated every Saturday at vespers by the said principals and their successors, shall daily during the ensuing week celebrate a mass immediately after the first stroke of prime for the said Walter, Ralph de Salopia late bishop of Bath and Wells, the parents, friends and benefactors of the said Walter, taking at the end of his course 12*d*. for his pains of the yearly rent issuing from their new tenement called the Vykershyn in Wells by the Horspoole, which they have for the use of their said vicars, forfeiting for any omission 8*d*. to be levied of his next commons, whereof 4*d*. shall be applied to the use of the vicars in their common hall and 4*d*. to the fabric of the church, the vicars to repair and replace such furniture when necessary; and further charging all their tenements in the city and suburb of Wells for these purposes. Dated Wells the chapter house, 9 September 1406.

R.III. f. 129*d*.

Bond of Geoffrey de Briddeport for 100*s*. yearly for two daily masses in St. Mary's chapel on the south of the great church for Agatha de Meysi, the said Geoffrey, Margery his wife, etc.

See R.I. f. 84*d*.: above p. 105.

Bond of the prior of Berliz for treasurer Hugh de Romenal's chantry.

See R.I. ff. 86, 88*d*.. above p. 106.

R.III. f. 130*d*., 131.

Gift and assignment by Joscelin bishop of Bath of 60*s*. yearly, in recompense for the whole land of Merlegh in his manor of Woky and half a virgate in his manor of Wells (which are conveniently placed for him, and therefore retained to the use of him and his successors) held of him by Peter late dean of Wells, and by the

said Peter assigned for the perpetual service of the dead in the church of Wells and for his anniversary in the choir, by assent of the said dean's executors, namely 1*d.* a day to a vicar chaplain to perform such service with *placebo, dirige* and commendation at the altar of St. Kalixtus, with mass for the faithful at high morning, ½*d.* a day to another vicar not a chaplain to assist, and 5*s.* a year towards the light and other necessaries ; also 10*s.* yearly to the clerks of the church of Wells present at the said dean's anniversary: the vicars to be changed yearly at Michaelmas by the archdeacon of Wells, who shall pay yearly to the bishop 4*l.* 10*s.*, and the 60*s.* aforesaid, and so be quit of the 7*l.* 10*s.* heretofore payable to the bishop, unless the said bishop shall assign 60*s.* of rent elsewhere for the purposes above mentioned. Dated Banewell, the morrow of the Annunciation 32 bishop Joscelin, by Master William de Maydeneston.

Note of a second charter of the same tenor.

R.III. f. 131*d.* Compare the *inspeximus*, R.III. f 363*d.* ; below, p. 483.

Ordinance of Thomas de Button archdeacon and Roger de Cruk provost in the church of Wells, executors of William II late bishop of Bath and Wells, concerning 10 marks yearly payable by the prior and convent of Worspryng of the order of St. Augustine, whereof in pursuance of his will they have procured an assignment to the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar : 4 marks to be paid to a priest to celebrate a daily mass and service of the dead in the chapel of St. Mary by the cloister, 2 marks to be divided among the canons and vicars present at the service of the dead in the choir upon the said bishop's anniversary, 3½ marks in bread for the poor on that day, and ½ mark towards the maintenance of two wax candles in the chapel of the Virgin behind the high altar, all at the discretion of the chancellor, subdean and succentor, who shall select a priest of the vicars or outside as they think fit, or in case of default the dean, precentor and treasurer. Dated October 1279.

R.III. f. 132.

Inspeximus and confirmation by John de Charleton dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 22 April the same year, of a charter indented made between Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells (by licence of King Edward [III] and consent of his chapters of Bath and Wells) and the vicars of his cathedral church dwelling in the new building by him erected and taking their repast in the common hall thereof, whereby the bishop granted to the said vicars and their successors a messuage, one carucate of land, 24 acres of meadow, 6 acres of wood and 26*s.* 8*d.* rent in Welleslegh, Dultecote and Eston, the reversion of a messuage, 8 acres of land and 1½ acres of meadow in Dultecote after the death of John de Welleslegh, of a messuage in that town after the death of John the carpenter, of a messuage in the same town after the death of Robert le Marlere, and of a messuage, 10 acres of land and ½ acre of meadow in Eston after the death of William Frankelayn, all late in the seisin of Master Walter de Hull archdeacon of Bath, which the bishop had of the gift and

feoffment of Master Thomas de Bokton and William de Cammell, to hold with reliefs, escheats and marriages to the said vicars and their successors celebrating divine service in the said church, but the bishop and his successors should have cattle called waifs and strays, the goods and chattels of felons, fugitives and condemned persons, fines and amercements for trespass, and fines for licence to concord in the king's courts of the tenants in the lands aforesaid, and all liberties and profits anciently due to the bishopric: and the bishop further ordered that the said vicars should at their own cost daily celebrate a mass at the altar of Corpus Christi, where the said archdeacon Walter was buried, for the said bishop, the said Walter, Master Thomas de Button and William de Cammel, their parents, ancestors and benefactors, namely each of them in rotation week by week for ever if in priests' orders, and if not by a substitute, without interference with the due celebration of the divine office by the vicars in the church of Wells, subject to a penalty of 40*d.* for every default, and distraint upon the said lands at Welleslegh for satisfaction thereof, and should also daily after their refection in the common hall chant an antiphon in honour of the Virgin: warranty clause: witnessed by Sir Walter de Rodeney, Sir Walter de Pavele knights, John de Somerton, John de Combe, Walter de Tentebury; and dated Wyvelescombe, 17 April 1354.

R.III. f. 132*d.*-134.

Inspeximus and confirmation by William archbishop of Canterbury and papal legate, dated Wells, at his provincial visitation, 16 September in the 4th year of his translation, of the appropriation of the church of Kyngeston (whereof William Odecombe canon of Wells, John Tyntenhull, John Baryngton and Richard Wynchecombe vicars of Wells were patrons) by John bishop of Bath and Wells (confirmed by the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, and Master Thomas de Southam archdeacon of Exeter (*rectius* Oxford) in the church of Lincoln, proctor of the cardinal archdeacon of Taunton in the church of Wells) to the dean and chapter of Wells, upon the death or cession of Robert Sheterne now rector, to the use of the vicars of that church and to the common fund of their hall built by bishop Ralph his predecessor, upon the petition of William Odecombe and William Cokham canons of Wells, after deliberation with both chapters and inquisition duly made, the fruits of the said church being valued at 20 marks a year according to the assessment of the tithe, reserving a portion for a resident chaplain to be nominated by the dean and chapter to maintain divine service and the cure of souls, also to the bishop a yearly cess of 2*s.*, to the dean and chapter 4*s.*, and to the archdeacon of Taunton a yearly pension of 2*s.* payable at Michaelmas by the communar of Wells in recompense for the loss of their emoluments: all revenues over and above 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to go to the said common fund, and the said sum of 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to be applied by the communar of Wells as follows, namely one vicar in priest's orders to celebrate daily mass of the Assumption at the

altar of St. Katherine by the *Jesina** at the first stroke of St. Mary's bell called knollyng, another vicar chaplain of the said church daily mass of the commemoration of St. Mary in All Saints' chapel by the cathedral at the slower stroke of St. Mary's bell, such vicars to be nominated from week to week by the principals of the said hall, and to make mention in their masses and prayers of King Richard, Anne his consort, the said bishop, and John Chynnok abbot of Glastonbury, Sir Hugh Courtenay late earl of Devon, Sir John Chydiok knight, John his father, Lucy his mother, Isabel his wife, John son of the said Sir John and Joan his wife, Master Edmund Seynlow, William Odecombe, William Cokham, their parents, friends and benefactors (as set out in a missal appointed for the purpose by William Odecombe), and take 12*d.* a week each of the communar, and for every default to pay 4*d.* to the fabric of the church and as much to the receiver of the said common hall; 5*s.* to be divided among the canons and vicars present for the procession on the day of the Assumption before the image of the coronation of the Virgin, 10*s.* on the octave of the Assumption (which William Odecombe has chosen for his obit) among the canons and vicars assembled to sing a mass for the said William, 10*s.* for bread and 5*s.* among twenty bedridden poor in the city of Wells on that day, 8*d.* to the sacrist for sounding the gong, 4*d.* to the escheator, and 9*d.* to the communar for his pains; 10*s.* yearly to maintain a light before the image of the coronation aforesaid; 20*s.* among the canons and vicars assembled on the obit of William Cokham to say the office of the dead for him with a mass on the morrow, 13*s.* 2*d.* in bread and 6*s.* among twenty bedridden poor, 8*d.* to the sacrist, 4*d.* to the escheator, and 9*d.* to the communar, with power to the bishop to distrain in default: subscribed and published at the bishop's mandate by Master Robert Sloo notary public; dated Woky, 12 August 1384, in presence of John Grene canon of Wells, John Walrond rector of Jevelton, John Brokman vicar of Huyssh. Attestation by Robert atte Sloo notary public. Consent by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter dated 14 August, by John prior of the cathedral of Bath and the chapter dated 17 August, and by Thomas de Southam archdeacon of Exeter (*sic*) in the church of Lincoln and proctor of the cardinal archdeacon of Taunton dated Salisbury, 19 August.

R.III. ff. 134-136. (Compare R.I. f. 289.)

Statute of Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, by counsel of the chapter of Wells, that a daily mass be celebrated in their church in honour of the Virgin, and a second for his predecessors the bishops, the brethren and benefactors of the church, assigning 10*l.* towards the maintenance of those appointed to celebrate the same, namely 100*s.* of the revenues of the archdeaconry taken by Maurice de Berkel', and 100*s.* of the church of Cerda, the chaplains to be appointed in future by the chapter, and each to have a canon's full commons of bread.

R.III. f. 136*d*.

* An image of the Nativity: see will of dean Gunthorpe, Somerset Record Soc. xvi. 361, and note there.

[Portions assigned to Vicarages, ff. 137–159.]

Inspeximus and confirmation by Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells, dated at his palace Wells 2 August 1419, of a public instrument subscribed by Master William Brett clerk notary public, exhibited by Master John Orum doctor of divinity canon of Exeter and Wells (proctor of the dean and chapter of Exeter) and Sir Richard Spicere perpetual vicar of Estcoker, dated in St. Mary's chapel by the cloister of Wells cathedral 11 January 1418, attested by the said notary, Master Thomas Stevenys, Master John Orum, Master John Storthwayt canons of Wells, Thomas Barton bachelor of laws, and John Burny bachelor of decrees, whereby after reciting that Master John Boghe clerk notary public, proctor of the president and chapter of Exeter (in the dean's absence) in all suits concerning the parish church of Estcoker to them appropriated, (copy of proxy to him, with John Orum and Hugh Kene clerk, dated 7 January 1418, empowering the said proctors to agree to the arbitration of Master Thomas Harewell, Master William Richard, and Master Thomas Warde clerks, or others substituted for them, in a matter between the said chapter and Sir Richard vicar of Estcoker by reason of a composition by him not observed,) and Sir Richard Spicer vicar of Estcoker, alleging the withdrawal by the dean and chapter of Exeter of certain portions or emoluments in particular mortuaries, rents of all cottages and tenements formerly belonging to the rectory, and the celebration of divine service in the chapel of St. Mary within his parish with the charge thereof, belonging to him and his predecessors according to the appropriation of the said church to the said dean and chapter, made 24 June 1385 by John Harewell formerly bishop of Bath and Wells (a copy whereof follows, for which see notes to R.I. ff. 287-8: above, pp. 294–5), against which the said proctor alleged that by the true and authentic appropriation of the above date made by the said bishop Harewell (a copy whereof follows; see R.I. ff. 287-8: above, pp. 294–5) such portions belonged to his lords and their predecessors and not to the vicar, agreed upon oath to abide the award of Master John Hody precentor of Wells, Master Thomas Warde, Master Thomas Harewell, and Master William Richard rector of Westcoker bachelors of laws: and the arbitrators, sitting in the cathedral of Wells on 9 March the same year, in presence of the said notary, Master John Orum, Sir William Purs and Sir John Dunnyng priests, pronounced the instrument produced by the vicar to be fictitious and of none effect, and that produced by the dean and chapter to be true and authentic, and gave sentence that the dean and chapter should thenceforth take all mortuaries within the parish of Estcoker, and the rents of all cottages or tenements formerly belonging to the rectory thereof, with the charge of repairing the same, and the vicar should at his own cost celebrate the usual services in the chapel of St. Mary within the said parish, and over and above the yearly pension of 59*s.* contained in the instrument produced by the dean and chapter, should take 12*d.*, in all 60*s.*: attested by the said William Brett.

Confirmations by the president and chapter of Wells (in the dean's absence), and by the prior and chapter of Bath, dated 11 and 12 August respectively, 1419.

R.III. ff. 137-145.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Welyngton 11 July 1357, of a record of proceedings before Master William de Beere clerk the said bishop's commissary, by authority of a commission dated Blakeford 26 October 1356, addressed to him and to Master Hugh de Penbrugge learned in the law, to make inquisition and certify him concerning the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells; wherefore after summoning the dean and chapter of Wells, Sir John de Hywyssch farmer of the canons' grange, and Philip de Norton vicar of St. Cuthbert to appear in St. Mary's chapel by the cloister, and after inspecting two documents under seal respectively of Peter formerly dean of Wells and the chapter and of Joscelin bishop of Bath and Wells, and after making inquisition of the value of the revenues to the church of St. Cuthbert belonging, the said commissaries assigned to Sir Philip de Norton and his successors for their portion all tithes and obventions to the said church, except the tithes of all manner of corn in garden or field, the tithes of the bishop's vineyard, of the parish mills, of the white monks, and of hay throughout the parish, which the dean and chapter and the farmer of the canons' grange shall have (save that of the hay of the meadows and places of Prydie, Whitenhull and Chelecote, which shall remain to the said vicar), assessing the said portion for the tenth in ordinary years at 15*l.*, being valued by the said inquisition at 46*l.* 4*d.*, out of which the vicar should pay to the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar 20 marks yearly pension (namely 46*s.* 8*d.* at Easter, 40*s.* at Midsummer, 66*s.* 8*d.* at St. Peter *ad vincula*, 66*s.* 8*d.* at the Nativity of St. Mary, and 46*s.* 8*d.* at Christmas), and to the fabric of the church of Wells 20*s.* in case of any default, and shall be sworn before the dean and chapter within a month of his appointment, to perform divine service and have the cure of souls, declaring that the portion thus assigned was sufficient for keeping hospitality, for payment of the said pension and supporting all charges: (copy of the gift made by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter to Robert Giffardi chaplain, dated 1239, and of the *inspeximus* by bishop Joscelin above mentioned, for which see R.I. ff. 101*d.*, 104: above p. 135:) reduced to writing and published by Master Richard Horsford clerk notary public under seal of the archdeacon's official: dated St. Mary's chapel by the cloister Wells, 30 April 1357, in the presence of Master Stephen de Hulle canon of Wells, Master John de Farman rector of Cherleton Makerell, Master Walter de Hulle rector of Haukechirche, John de Boclaunde clerk, of the dioceses of Bath and Salisbury, and attested by the said notary.

R.III. ff. 145*d.*-147.

The first few lines of the record above confirmed. Incomplete, with note in margin '*videatur superius*.'

R.III. f. 147*d.*

Commission by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Hugh de Penbrugge and Master William de Bere learned in the law, to make inquisition and certify concerning the portion assigned (if any) to the vicarage of St. Cuthbert Wells, to ordain and declare the same perpetual, or if none to make inquisition of the value of the revenues belonging to that church, and to assign a fit portion, not to exceed 22 marks according to the assessment of tithe to be by them made, summoning the dean and chapter of Wells, the farmer of the said church or of the canons' grange, and Philip de Norton the vicar of St. Cuthbert aforesaid. Dated Blakeford, 26 October 1356.

R.III. f. 147*d*.

Proxy by the dean and chapter of Wells to Master Thomas Spert chancellor of Wells and John Frysby proctor of the court of Canterbury in all causes, and especially in a cause concerning the yearly pension due to them from Sir Walter Hamme vicar of the parish church of St. Cuthbert Wells. Dated the chapter house Wells, 10 June 1394.

R.III. f. 148.

Sentence pronounced 17 December 1388, in presence of Robert Churche clerk of Norwich diocese notary public (registrar and recorder of the acts of the court of Canterbury), by Master John Barnet official of the said court sitting in the church of St. Mary le Bow London, the parties appearing by their proctors, upon the plaint of the dean and chapter of Wells against Sir Walter Hamme vicar of St. Cuthbert in the city of Wells concerning a yearly pension of 20 marks to them due from the said vicar: (copy of the bill of John Fryseby clerk, proctor of the dean and chapter, alleging that the said vicar refuses to pay the said pension, in accordance with an ancient ordinance and with their prescriptive right:) after examination of witnesses and production of documents, declaring that the dean and chapter have made out their case, and condemning the said vicar in the said pension and costs. (Copies of the proxy given by the dean and chapter to Master John Frys[eby], Master Richard Upton proctors of the court, and Sir Thomas Newman vicar of the church of Wells, dated 26 April 1384; and of the proxy given by Walter Hamme vicar of St. Cuthbert to Master William Styuecle and Master Thomas Pays proctors of the court, dated London xi kal. May 1384, sealed with the official seal of the dean of Berkyng in the diocese of London.) Done in presence of Master Richard Brynkele and Master John Cateby examiners general of the court, John Lynton and John Perche notaries public, and attested by the said Robert Churche.

R.III. ff. 148*d*.-151.

Award made, with consent of the parties, by Master Philip de Staunton, official of the lord [bishop] of Bath and Wells and vicar general during his absence from the realm, between the dean and chapter of Wells rectors of Bishops Lydiard and Robert rector of

Bagebergh, touching the tithes great and small of Lydiard Ponchardon; namely that the dean and chapter shall take all tithes, paying yearly at Bishops Lydiard on All Saints' day by their farmer, proctor or bailiff to the said rector and his successors 7*s*., upon his renouncing all right therein, binding themselves to make up any damage or cost the rector may sustain by default of such payment, and submitting therein to the jurisdiction of the bishop or his official. Dated Wells, Monday before St. Matthew 1278.

R.III. f. 151.

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the presentation by William master of the house of St. Mark Bristol and the brethren of a certain priest to the vicarage of Stokelond, assigning a portion for the vicarage thereof, namely the chaplain's houses (built originally at the cost of the said master and brethren) with curtilage, 15 acres of arable land in the town field, whereof 8 acres lie in a croft called Langelond, 5½ acres in Pannecrofte, and 1½ acres in Pesecrofte, 2½ acres of meadow in Fyhspole (*sic*), 2½ acres of several pasture in Langemede, the tithes of two windmills, of hay and of the reed beds of the whole parish except the demesne meadows of the said master and brethren, of wool, milk, apples, hemp, flax, lambs, calves, foals, swine, geese and doves, the obventions, oblations and small tithes to the church belonging as well of the court of the said master and brethren as of the parishioners, except the tithe of the swans of the said master and brethren; all rectorial charges belonging to the church, chancel or ornaments to be borne by the said master and brethren, but two processional candles to be maintained by the vicar. One part to remain with the bishop, one with the master and brethren, the third with the vicar. Dated Wyvelescombe, kal. June 1317.

R.III. f. 151. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 129).

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the complaint of Walter vicar of the prebendal church of Jactone (Jatton), the revenues whereof are valued at 100 marks, while the vicar's portion is no more than 12 marks, and insufficient to maintain himself and his two chaplains, that to increase the same the vicar and his successors shall have the houses, garden with curtilage, and close to them anciently assigned, all manner of oblations to the church and the chapels thereof arising, the anniversary moneys, requests and bequests, the tithe of milk, cheese, calves, foals, swine, geese, doves and eggs and the moneys arising from the tithes of lambs, the tithe of mills, honey, flax, and of the gardens of the parish, the tithe of corn of the prebendary's demesne lands with the lands belonging to the chapels which the vicar used to take, pasture for four beasts of his on the rectory pasture, and one horse feeding in the prebendary's meadow, the corn arising yearly of the churchet of certain parishioners, one acre of meadow called Hengstham to maintain his horse, and 10*s*. yearly pension of the rector of Claverham chapel which he used anciently to take, the other tithes great and small (namely wool and lambs) and other portions not specified remaining to the rector or prebendary and his

successors; the vicar to serve the church, chapels and parishioners with the cure of souls, and sustain his proportion of extraordinary charges, the prebendary bearing ordinary charges as before. One part to remain with the treasurer of Wells, the other with the vicar. Dated Banewelle, xviii kal. July 1327.

R.III. f. 152. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 270).

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells concerning the vicarage of the church of St. Mary de Stall', Bath, and of the chapel of Wydecombe dependent thereupon, appropriated to the prior and convent of Bath, a dispute having arisen betweeen them and Master John de Dudemerton vicar of the said church, namely that the vicar and his successors shall have the manse with curtilage to him assigned, the tithe of wool of the parishioners of Widecombe, Lincombe and Berewik, the tithe of their hay, of milk, geese, swine, doves, eggs, foals, flax, swine, apples, calves and beer, rents for the celebration of masses, requests, bequests and all manner of oblations and obventions arising from the said chapel and the parishioners thereof; also the tithe of beer of the parishioners of Bath, certain rents assigned for the celebration of masses yearly, tithes of flax, apples, calves, swine, geese and doves, bequests and all manner of oblations and obventions to the said church arising from the parishioners living or dead or from strangers, as their predecessors heretofore had: the vicar shall continually reside there, shall serve the said church and parishioners, shall find a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the chapel of Widecombe and there to dwell, and shall also be charged with the archdeacon's procuration at his visitation: the convent shall have the tithes of all manner of corn of the villenage of Lyncombe, of the corn and hay arising from the lands and meadow of Sir John de Westone, the tithe of lambs at Lyncombe with that of wool which they used to take yearly of the sheep of the brethren of St. Mary Magdalen, shall sustain all charges ordinary and extraordinary (the said procuration excepted) with the repair of the chancel of the said church. One part to remain with the prior and convent, the other with the bishop's registrar. Dated Wyvelescombe, id. February 1322.

R.III. f. 152*d*. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 212).

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells, assigning a portion to William vicar of the prebendal church of Clyve and to his successors (which church is held by the abbot and convent of that place in perpetual farm of the abbot and convent of Bec), namely the manse with curtilage for the vicars anciently assigned, all oblations and obventions to the said church and to the chapel of St. Giles of Leigh arising, all small tithes as well in money as of mills, wool, lambs, kids, calves, foals, horses, swine, geese, doves, eggs, honey, flax, cheese, butter, apples, curtilages, hay, burials, requests etc. with the herbage of the churchyard, wherewith the vicar is content: he shall serve the said church, shall visit the chapel of Leigh every Sunday, and shall read the gospel there and present to the parishioners holy water and bread, and three times in the year, namely at Christmas, Easter and St. Giles' day, shall celebrate mass

there as he used to do: he shall keep the key of the church, and the books, vestments and ornaments delivered to him by the rector, and keep them clean: the rents and revenues not above mentioned the abbot and convent of Clyve shall take as rectors, and shall entertain the ordinary when he passes by, saving the privileges and indults granted them by the papal see, and they shall take the oblations and proventions to the chapel of St. Mary by the sea arising, as they used to do from the foundation thereof, and support all charges ordinary and extraordinary to the said church belonging. One part to remain with the abbot of Clyve, one with the vicar, the third with the treasurer of Wells. Dated Evercriz, iiii kal. June 1320.

R.III. f. 153. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 185).

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the presentation by the prior and convent of Bath of Sir Henry de Everdon priest to the vicarage of the parish church of Corston (to them appropriated by Walter the bishop's last predecessor upon the decease or cession of the then rector), that the vicar and his successors shall have the hall with chambers, kitchen and bakehouse, a third part of the garden (duly divided from the two parts) with the dovecote to the rectory belonging, one acre of land of the rector's demesne consisting of three small parcels, with common of pasture for his pigs where the rector had it, and one quarter of good and clean wheat yearly of the person appointed by the rectors to keep the said church and the great tithes, all the altarage, all small tithes, tithes of beans, and of corn growing in the gardens or curtilages of the parish cultivated with the spade: the said convent as rectors shall have the arable land with the meadow to the church belonging (except the acre aforesaid), the great tithes of corn and hay, and support all charges ordinary and extraordinary. One part to remain with the treasurer of Wells, the other with the prior and convent, and a copy with the vicar. Dated Banewell, kal. November 1321.

R.III. f. 154. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 195).

Inspeximus and ratification by the dean and chapter of Wells of a charter or ordinance made by Savaricus bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, assigning the revenues of the church of Sumertune to the convent of Michelney, saving a portion for a vicarage; and similar *inspeximus* by the prior and convent of Bath.

R.III. ff. 154*d.*, 155. (See R.I. f. 49. Nos. clxxxviii, clxxxix; above p. 57)

Return made by the official of the archdeacon of Wells to John bishop of Bath and Wells of an inquisition taken in the church of Cammell, by authority of a mandate of the said bishop dated Wells 4 August 1317, upon the petition of the abbot and convent of Clyva of the Cistercian order to whom the said church was appropriated, complaining that the vicar was usurping the rectory house and tithes; whereby it was found by Thomas rector of Trente, Thomas rector of Rympton, Richard rector of Sanford, James rector of Westcammel, Simon rector of Chilton, Thomas

rector of Astington, Robert vicar of Modeford, Richard vicar of Merston, Nicholas Damene, John de Combe, Simon de Brueton, Roger Pyion, Thomas Tokel, Thomas le Taillour and Peter de Neweman (*sic*) laymen of Cammell upon oath, that the abbey has in demesne 131½ acres of arable land in two fields value 65*s*. 9*d*. a year (6*d*. an acre), 9½ acres of meadow to mow value 23*s*. 9*d*. (2*s*. 6*d*. an acre), 5 acres of arable land in a close value 13*s*. 4*d*., pasture for 8 oxen value 8*s*., 2*s*. yearly for tithe of the king's park, 13*s*. 4*d*. for tithe of the king's meadow, 7*s*. 4*d*. for tithe of the parishioners' meadow, tithe of corn value 17*l*. 16*d*. a year, total 23*l*. 14*s*. 10*d*.; also that the vicar has one messuage with garden, houses which are in the hands of the abbey, value 46*s*. 8*d*. a year, 4*s*. yearly rent of assise, 40 acres of arable land (as well in his close as without) value 20*s*., 5 acres of meadow to mow value 8*s*. 4*d*. (20*d*. an acre, because in light soil) and ½ acre in better soil value 15*d*., certain tithes at Atebar value 40*s*., certain tithes at Chilton with a pension of 2*s*. 6*d*. value 13*s*. 4*d*., pasture for 6 oxen value 6*s*., the obventions of the altar and small tithe estimated at 53*s*. 8*d*., total 9*l*. 13*s*. 3*d*. Dated Cammell, x kal. October the same year.

R.III. f. 155.

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells (upon the complaint of Robert vicar of the prebendal church of St. Decuman that his portion will not suffice for the support of himself and his two chaplains, the revenues of the said church amounting to 80 marks 8*s*. 8*d*. and the vicar's portion only to 9 marks 4*s*. 6½*d*.,) that the said vicar and his successors shall have the houses, garden and curtilage for the vicar anciently assigned, the tithe of calves, swine, foals, geese, eggs, flax, hemp, of curtilages, of four mills, one of Ralph Fitzurse at Wyliton, a second at Wachet, that of John de Lodehywysch (Dodehywysch) and that of Edmund Martin, of five dovecotes, whereof in times past they used to take tithes, with all oblations and obventions to the said church and the chapels arising or to the altarage thereof belonging, and to increase the same 1 acre of arable land called St. Decuman's acre on the north side of the church, the tithe of wool, lambs, honey and butter with the small tithes of Duneford, and the tithe of hay of three free tenants at Duneford, namely Nicholas de Berton (Werton), John de Lynche (Dynche), and John Crubbe to maintain his horse, with the herbage of the churchyard, the tithes of beans and of corn growing in the gardens or curtilages of the parish cultivated with the spade, which tithes so increased are found by inquisition to be worth 8 marks a year: the rector shall have the great tithes not above mentioned, the tithe of cheese, [milk,*] gardens and other tithes not assigned, and when he has to pay tenths granted by the clergy or the like impost the vicar shall contribute 10*s*. for the above increase beyond the tenth he used to pay, the rector sustaining the ordinary charges: the vicar shall serve the church and chapels and the parishioners, with power to remove the clerks and ministers serving in any chapel, provided that every year such clerks and ministers shall swear fealty to the rector when required; and he shall cause the books for matins to be bound and duly kept.

One part to remain with the treasurer of Wells, the other with the vicar. Dated Wyvelescombe, xiv. kal. April 1320.

R.III. f. 156, repeated f. 373. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 180). * Omitted in the second copy.

Presentation by W. abbot of St. Augustine Bristol and the convent of Sir Anthony priest to the vicarage of Poulet, addressed to J. bishop of Bath: the vicarage consisting of the oblations and small tithes, the tithe of the mill and of their demesne (namely of the corn and hay thereof) which they had in the year 1239, the tithes of hay then or thenceforward to be acquired, the tithe of 6 acres to them given by Hugh Trevet, 4½ acres of meadow in the old moor, 1 acre of meadow by Horseacre, 2 acres of meadow which the priest there serving formerly had, and 1 acre of arable land whereon the vicar's manse is built: the vicar shall pay 1 mark yearly for them to the sisters of Bocland at Michaelmas and Easter, be answerable to the archdeacon of Wells for his procuration and gift of 12*d.*, and pay 15*d.* Easter custom to the church of Pereton, supporting the other ordinary charges and his proportion of the extraordinary.

R.III. f. 157.

Certificate of Stephen de Tornaco to J. bishop of Bath, that the vicarage of Boclaunde consists of the oblations of the altar with the small tithes, except wool, flax and lambs, and of 11 acres of land, to wit Chescrofte and Stochlande.

R.III. f. 157*d.*

Ordinance of bishop J[oscelin] concerning the patronage of Kingesbiry.

R.III. f. 157*d.* See R.I. f. 46*d.*, No. † clxxviii; above p. 53.

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the presentation of John Marleward of Bath priest to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Wyk' by Bath by Master Peter de Inkepenne the rector and prebendary, by assent of the abbess and convent of Wherewell the patrons thereof, assenting to the assignment of portions for the said vicarage and for the chapel of Wolleye thereupon depending, namely for the vicarage a plot of ground in the rector's garden on the east side, from the rest thereof divided and enclosed, to make a curtilage and build the necessary houses, the tithe of wool, lambs, calves, cheese, milk, butter, swine, foals, geese, doves, eggs, flax, honey, of gardens, curtilages, mills, and other small tithes whatsoever, with all oblations and obventions to the said church and chapel arising, or to the altarage thereof belonging, the tithe of beans and corn growing in the curtilages or closes of the parishioners cultivated with the spade, with the tithe of hay of all the villeins of the said parish: the rector shall have the great tithes, with the hay of the abbey and rectory demesnes and other tithes not above mentioned, and the rent of Wolleye cottage, as he used to have, supporting all charges ordinary and extraordinary: the vicar shall serve the church and chapel and the parishioners,

finding processional candles, binding the books, cleaning and keeping clean the vestments and ornaments: the rector shall present to the vicarage. One part to remain with the treasurer of Wells, the other with the rector, and a copy with the vicar. Dated Jevele, iii id. February 1320.

R.III. f. 157*d*. (Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 179).

Ordinance of John bishop of Bath and Wells concerning a portion for the vicarage of the parish church of Hampton, appropriated to the prior and convent of Bath, an inquisition having found that the great tithes of corn and hay do not in ordinary years exceed 11 marks 20*d*., and the small tithes, with the oblations, obventions, rents, issues etc. 63*s*. 8*d*.; that the vicar shall dwell in the houses belonging to the rectory, namely the hall with the lower chambers on the west side thereof, and the chamber with the kitchen on the east side, and a house in the rector's court if necessary to keep the vicar's tithes until provision be made by the convent for houses and curtilage for him in the town of Hampton; he shall have the tithe of wool, lambs, calves, swine, foals, geese, doves, eggs, flax, honey, cheese, milk, butter, of gardens, curtilages, mills and other small tithes whatsoever with oblations and obventions to the said church or to the altarage thereof arising, and take of the convent 20*s*. a year at Easter and Michaelmas: the convent shall have the great tithes, namely corn and hay only, and support the charge of the procuration by reason of visitation, the chancel, books and ornaments, and all charges ordinary or extraordinary to the rectory belonging: the vicar shall serve the church and the parishioners, support all charges pertaining to his portion, find processional candles, bind the books and repair the surplices: the convent shall present to the vicarage. One part to remain with the bishop, the other with the convent, and a copy with the vicar. Dated Chyu, xii kal. November 1317.

R.III. f. 158*d*.

Commission by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Master John de Bryutone and Master John Marcel canons of Wells, to admit and institute John de Burford priest to the parish church of Burnham, at the presentation of the chapter of Wells to whom (as they allege) the said church is appropriated, provided the appropriation thereof be first inspected by them and found to be canonical; also to inquire as to the portions assigned for the vicarage, and to assess the same. Dated North Cory, 6 November 1334.

R.III. f. 159.

Inspeximus and assent by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent to a gift and appropriation made by Joscelin bishop of Bath to the hospital of St. John Baptist in Wells, of the church of Evercriz in frank almoin for the maintenance of the poor and those ministering to them therein, saving maintenance for a vicar to minister in the said church; dated London, vi id. November 26 bishop Joscelin, by John de Templo.

R.III. f. 159.

Gift by Robert Cotele son of Hamon Cotel of Stikelinch to the church of St. Andrew Wells in almoin of one acre of meadow called Rodacre in the meadow of Wuttune, to be held by the chapter of grantor and his heirs to the pious uses of the said church, with warranty. Done at Wells in chapter, May 1248.

R.III. f. 159*d*.

Grant and quitclaim by Henry de Lascy earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester and Margaret his wife to Henry de Pontibus canon of Wells in the prebend of Hengestrege, of the chapel of Whitchirch (Whitthirch) within the boundaries of the church of Hengestrige, to be henceforth annexed to the church of Hengestrige which is a prebend of Wells, to be held by the said canon and his successors in almoin. Witnesses: William bishop of Ely, Sir Tybottot (*sic*), Sir Richard de Hedon, Sir Thomas de Sancto Vigor', Sir Peter Malorre knights, Walter de Wyk', John de Haddon. Dated London, 6 February 20 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 161.

Letters patent of King Edward, tested at Westminster 24 March 20 Edward [I], being an *inspeximus* and confirmation of the above grant and quitclaim.

(Note that the second witness is here Sir Robert Tibotot knight).

R.III. f. 161*d*. Pat. *Cal.* p. 481, where the name is read de Portibus. Compare f. 383*d*. below p. 490; and Somerset Record Soc. vi. 292

Letter of attorney from Henry de Lascy earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester to Thomas de Fisseburn, to give seisin of the chapel of Whitchirch, which he has annexed to the church of Wells, to Henry de Pontibus canon of Wells in the prebend of Hengestrige. Dated London, 4 February 20 Edward [I].

R.III f. 162.

Resignation and quitclaim by John de Mount Gauter physician, to Sir Henry de Lascy earl of Lincoln and constable of Chester, of the chapel of Whitchirch within the boundaries of the church of Hengestrige, which he had by the collation of the said Henry. Dated Kyngeston in Dorsete, 25 February 20 Edward [I].

R.III f. 162.

[Exemplification of proceedings among the pleas enrolled at Westminster before William Babyngton and others justices *de Banco* in Michaelmas term 14 Henry VI, roll cccxl.]

Somerset to wit. John Grene vicar of St. Cuthbert in the city of Wells was summoned by John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter for 10*l*. arrears of a yearly rent of 20*l*. due to them: plaintiffs say that Richard Harewell the vicar's predecessor, by a writing (produced) dated Wells 18 September 12 Henry VI, gave the said rent to the dean and chapter and their successors, and John bishop of Bath and Wells the ordinary, by a writing (likewise produced) dated at his manor of Dogmersfeld county Southampton 10 December 1434, confirmed the said gift, by virtue of which gift

and confirmation they were seized of the said rent until Easter last before the date of their writ (17 July 13 Henry VI), but the said now vicar refuses to pay ; and claim damages 20*l.* (Copy of the bishop's *inspeximus* and confirmation, fully reciting the gift above mentioned, made by Richard Harewell, for the maintenance of the choristers and markers (*tabularii*)* serving in the cathedral church, with bond for payment of the same, of 100*s.* for default in any quarterly payment, and of 40*s.* in case he or his successors shall allege any writing or acquittance in discharge of such payments save only an acquittance or release of the dean and chapter or their communar bearing date in the said cathedral, and any other writing or acquittance to be null or void.) Defendant comes by Martin Jacob his attorney, and cannot gainsay the action of the dean and chapter, nor the several deeds of the said Richard Harewell and the said ordinary, nor that 10*l.* are in arrear. Judgment for plaintiffs. [Tested by R. Brudenell, Westminster, 5 July 21 Henry VIII.]

R.III. ff. 162-164. The heading and test clause inserted in another hand.

Bull of Pope Boniface [IX] addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells, granting their petition that, whereas the parish church of St. Cuthbert Wells was formerly by papal authority incorporated in their church, a portion being reserved for the maintenance of a perpetual vicar there, upon the decease, cession, or other demise of the then perpetual vicar the said church might be ruled by a priest by them removable, for the better maintenance of the charges of their church, the revenues whereof were grievously impaired by inundations and failure of crops, (their revenues by common estimation not exceeding 880 marks, and those of the said church 80 marks,) with indult to convert the revenues thereof to their own use without requiring the licence of the diocesan. Dated St. Peter Rome, vi id. May 7 Pope Boniface.

R.III. f. 164.

Bull of Pope Boniface [IX], directed against the abuse which has grown up in the church of Wells that any canon or prebendary intending to reside therein is bound at the beginning of his residence to entertain the bishop of Wells, the dean, canons, vicars and other ministers, at the excessive expense of 150 or 200 marks, whence disputes and scandals often arise, ordering that in future, in lieu of such entertainment, every prebendary or dignitary intending to reside shall at his entry pay 150 marks to the dean and chapter in aid of the maintenance of the fabric, and in relief of their other charges, that every canon upon admission shall be sworn to obey this ordinance, that none shall be counted as resident until such sum be contented, and upon payment shall be admitted and so counted without further observance, on pain of excommunication. Dated St. Peter Rome, xv kal. April 12 Pope Boniface.

R.III. f. 164*d.*

* See the duty of the *tabellarius*, Reynolds, p. 80.

Appropriation by John bishop of Bath and Wells, with the consent of both chapters, by special licence of the king, to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells and his successors, of the parish church of Berwe of their patronage, upon the decease or cession of the now rector, to the honour of St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Andrew his patrons, subject to a yearly payment of 10*l.* to the dean and chapter or to their communar towards the maintenance of three chaplains, two for the souls of the bishops Button and provost Button, according to the ancient foundation, and one for the said now archdeacon and bishop John, in recompense for their pains and costs in this matter, to compensate for certain lands and rents in the manor of Middelton, which came to William de Button formerly bishop of Bath and Wells by the death of John de Button his uncle provost of Wells, and were by him given to Thomas de Button his brother archdeacon of Wells and his successors, subject to a yearly rent of 10 marks to be paid to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter and to their successors towards the maintenance of a chantry of two chaplains to celebrate daily in the church of Wells for the soul of the said John (*sic*), of William de Button formerly bishop of Bath and Wells (likewise uncle of the said bishop William), and of the said provost, whereof they were long in peaceable possession, but afterwards the archdeacons were so troubled by divers exactions in respect of the said lands, of suits of courts and hundreds, homage, fealty, and other king's services, and by the perils of evictions therefrom, that they must needs lose them altogether or part with them at a low price, whereby the said chantry was impaired, the souls of the said deceased persons damnably deceived, the founder defrauded of his laudable intent and the church of her divine worship, and the portions of the archdeaconry so much straitened that they would not suffice for keeping hospitality, for repairing the buildings of the archdeaconry in Wells, Hywysch and Brente, and for other charges : saving to to the dean and chapter two thirds of the sequestration of the church during a vacancy of the archdeaconry, and to the bishop power to ordain a perpetual vicarage of the revenues thereof, at the presentation of the archdeacon. Dated Banewell, iii non. August 1328.

Confirmations by Robert prior of Bath and the chapter, and by John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter, dated *pridie non.* August and vii id. August respectively, the same year.

R.III. ff. 165*d.*-167.

Grant and bond indented, made by the John abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to the dean and chapter of Wells, (to indemnify them for their interest in the church of Boddeclegh, which with the chapel of Baltenesborgh thereto annexed has been appropriated to their monastery and to the abbot's table by bull of Pope Boniface IX,) of a yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* payable at Michaelmas in the church of Wells to the steward or communar of the dean and chapter, secured upon the revenues of the parish church of Doultyng to them also appropriated, and further upon

a yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* payable by the dean and chapter by reason of the parish church of Wynscombe to the precentor of the said monastery. Sealed by the parties. Dated the chapter house [Glastonbury], 31 July 1392.

R.III. f. 167.

Proceedings before Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells in his chamber at his manor of Wyveliscombe, 11 August 1363, between the dean and chapter of Wells (by Master Robert de Nettelton their proctor) and Sir Robert Raulyn rector of Norton under Hamedon, the dean and chapter alleging that the church of Norton was of old time subject to a yearly pension of 40*s.* payable to them half yearly, whereof they were in possession for 60, 50 or 40 years or more beyond the memory of man, and craving sentence to that effect, and the rector admitting that their count was true, the bishop pronounces sentence in favour of the dean and chapter, condemning the rector in the said payment. (Copy of proxy by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Robert de Nettelton, Master William Derby and Master Robert atte Sloo canons of Wells, dated Wells, 4 August 1363.) Sealed by the bishop. Present, Sir Robert Caunteloo rector of Wynfryth, William Whyte succentor of Wells, Nicholas Spicer, Robert de Honyngton and Adam atte Wille clerks. Attested by Robert atte Sloo clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.III. ff. 168-9.

Grant and bond made by John prior of Longleat and the convent of the order of St. Augustine, Salisbury diocese, to the dean and chapter of Wells, to indemnify them for their interest in the church of Lullyngton, which has been appropriated to the said priory (the patrons) by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells on the decease or cession of the now rector, of a yearly pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* payable at Michaelmas in the church of Wells to the steward or communar of the dean and chapter, secured upon the revenues of the said church, with power to distrain for default upon their manor of Lullyngton. Dated the chapter house Longleat, 8 January 1394.

R.III. ff. 169*d.*, 170.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 10 April the same year, of the appropriation made by John bishop of Bath and Wells to the prior and canons of Staverdale in that diocese of the perpetual vicarage of the church of Wyncaulton, not exceeding the value of 10 marks yearly, (whereof they are patrons, and already possessed of the rectory and revenues of the said church,) upon the decease or cession of Sir John Bryan now vicar, in relief of the chargeable access of guests to the said priory, and of their poverty by reason of the barrenness of their lands, the mortality of their cattle and their debts, to put an end to their disputes with the vicars concerning tithes and obventions, and at the petition of John de Stourton; ordering that they shall keep a secular parish chaplain for the cure of souls (or

in case of necessity a canon of their said priory for a quarter or half a year at most) to serve the parishioners in the divine ministry and in the sacraments of the church; one canon thereof shall celebrate mass of the office of the dead daily, immediately after the singing of prime in the priory choir, in the chapel of the Virgin, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. James under the belfry of the priory church, for Philippa late queen of England, the said bishop John and his successors, Roger and Joan his father and mother (deceased), for John de Stourton, Alice his wife, Richard Bisschop vicar of Meere in the diocese of Salisbury, John de Bekynton (now living), for William de Stourton and Joan his wife (deceased) parents of the said John, his brethren and sisters, Lettice and Alice his wives, Gilbert de Rokeborn, Joan his wife and John their son, Master Walter de Shireborne, Walter Kyngessettele, Thomas and Alice parents of Sir Richard Bisshopp, Sir William Ryby chaplain and John and Emma his parents, Sir William de Milleborn knight and Margery his wife; one canon shall also say daily mass of the Blessed Virgin with the prayer *Inclina domine* for the persons aforesaid: the former canon shall receive from the prior at the end of his week 7*d.* for his pains, and all the canons of that foundation (eight in number including the prior) 6*s.* 8*d.* apiece yearly for their clothing over and above what they used to have; and every year on the morrow of the Circumcision the prior and brethren shall celebrate an anniversary for the same persons, with the usual vigils beforehand, and divide that day 13*s.* 4*d.*; for every omission they shall be bound to pay 20*s.* to the bishop's alms; also 3*s.* 4*d.* to the bishop in his palace at Wells, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the dean and chapter or to their communar in the cathedral of Wells yearly on St. Andrew's day, to indemnify them for such appropriation; the now prior and every future prior at his creation shall take of the bishop the cure of souls, when he shall be bound to exhibit this ordinance, and be sworn to observe the same: dated at the bishop's manor of Evercrych, 18 March 1374.

Sealed by the prior and canons of Staverdale in chapter at Staverdale, 28 April the same year.

R.III. ff. 170*d.*-172.

Appropriation by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, with consent of both chapters, to the prior and monks of Henton of the Carthusian order, (upon their petition, shewing that their lands are hilly and stony, the rents of water mills wherein consists the greater part of their substance are small, and heavy pensions which they are bound to pay exceed the value of what they retain, wherefore they are compelled to bind their monastery to corrodies and a load of debt,) of the parish church of Henton Monachorum, now vacant, the patronage whereof has been granted them by Master William de Luteltone precentor of Wells, by consent of King Edward, saving a yearly pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the fabric of the church of Wells and another of 40*d.* to the archdeacon of Wells in recompense for the fruits thereof during vacancies, payable at Michaelmas in the church of Wells, saving also a portion for a vicar, to be presented

by the precentor of Wells, namely all the small tithes with the altarage, 4*l.* a year payable quarterly by the priory, two loads of wood for fuel or 3*s.* and one load of straw at Christmas, the chaplain's manse by the church with a piece of ground as wide as that of the rectory manse, to be built upon within 6 months by the priory, the vicar supporting all charges ordinary and extraordinary except the tenth or other contribution assessed upon the church; the priory shall also rebuild the chancel within a year, and find books and ornaments; the precentor of Wells shall nominate two fit persons, and present to the vicarage one of them chosen by the priory as often as there is a vacancy: reserving the rights and dignity of the bishop and the churches of Bath and Wells, and his jurisdiction as ordinary. In triplicate: one copy to remain with the treasurer of Wells, one in the treasury of Bath, the third with the priory. Dated the chapel of the bishop's manor of Wyvelescombe, 11 December 1344.

Attested by Stephen Trippe clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public; John de Rysingdone rector of Jevele, William de Bere advocate of the bishop's consistory, and John de Bathonia clerk being also present.

R.III. ff. 172-3.

Inspeximus and exemplification by Panthaleon de Bredis de Utino doctor of decrees chaplain of the pope and auditor general of the papal camera, of a bull of Pope Boniface IX dated in his 12th year, signed by Anthony de Teramo and Bertholdus (not here set out in full; see f. 164*d.*, above p. 392), and of a paper roll bound with white threads and sealed with a signet of red wax, being an extract from the register of papal letters of the same date made by Anthony bishop of Albenga registrar of papal letters (not fully set out), both exhibited by William Swan bachelor of laws and papal abbreviator, an erasure and insertion in the 13th line of the bull aforesaid being approved in due form by John cardinal bishop of Ostia the vice chancellor and John Basyre doctor of decrees the corrector of papal letters. Dated Florence, 24 February 1420 in the 3rd year of Pope Martin V; and attested by Hermann Spaen called Craembusch de Werdena clerk of the diocese of Cologne notary of the camera, in the presence also of Anthony Petri de Personir of Rome notary of the same.

R.III. f. 173*d.*

Gift and bond upon oath by John prior of Worspryng of the order of St. Victor and the convent to John de Axebrugge subdean of Wells, of a rent of 20*s.* payable yearly in the great church of Wells within the quinzaine of All Saints and Easter, and after his death to the dean and chapter, provided that it be delivered to a vicar there at the appointment of the subdean to celebrate daily at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene for the soul of the said John and his benefactors, subjecting themselves and their successors to ecclesiastical censure for default by sentence of excommunication upon the prior and cellarer or otherwise, and to distraint by the sheriff of Sumerset and Dorset, taking ½ mark of their goods for

every such distraint: in consideration whereof the said subdean John has given them 30 marks to buy lands and a rent for ever. Sealed by the priory, and at their instance by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated xi kal. August 1266.

R.III. f. 174*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Robert prior of Bath and the chapter, dated iii id. June the same year (1301), to the appropriation by William bishop of Bath and Wells [of the church of Chilterne] to the prior and convent of Bryweton (for which see f. 127*d*.; above pp. 377, 164).

R.III. f. 178*d*.

Bond of Isabel Huse prioress of Kyngton and the convent for payment of 10*s*. yearly to the church of Wells, 5*s*. 10½*d*. to the archdeacon of Bath in recompense for the fruits during vacancies, and 7*s*. 5¾*d*. for his procuration at his visitation, of the fruits of the church of Twyverton (to them appropriated by John bishop of Bath and Wells) reserved by John de Godeley dean of Wells and the chapter when they confirmed the appropriation thereof. Dated Kyngton, the morrow of St. Edmund Abp. 1327.

R.III. f. 179.

Bond of Nicholas abbot of Keynesham of the order of St. Augustine and the convent to the dean and chapter of Wells, for payment to them or their communar yearly at Wells on Easter day of a pension of 6*s*. 8*d*., to them reserved in recompense for the revenues during vacancies of the church of Westharpetre to the said convent appropriated by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, with power in default thereof to enter upon the houses and ecclesiastical soil to the said church belonging and levy the arrears of their fruits and goods thereupon. Dated the chapter of Keynesham, iii kal. May 1337.

R.III. f. 182.

Letters patent of John bishop of Bath and Wells, addressed to the dean and chapter of Wells, notifying that, by the terms of his recent appropriation of the church of Estcoker to the dean and chapter of Exeter, the vicar of that church and his successors are bound to indemnify them for their rights by a yearly pension of 13*s*. 4*d*.; and for further security every vicar thereof at his admission and institution is to be sworn to pay the same half yearly at Easter and Michaelmas. Dated Woky, 27 May 1386.

R.III. f. 182*d*.

Bond of William prior of Berliz and the convent to the dean and chapter of Wells in 20*l*. payable in the city of Wells at the Purification next. Dated the chapter house Berliz, Sunday after the translation of St. Thomas M. 10 Richard II.

Indenture made at Wells on Sunday before St. James Ap. 10 Richard II, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and William prior of Berlinch and the convent on the other,

being a defeasance of the above bond, upon condition that the prior and convent pay 6*s*. 8*d*. yearly at the Purification to the dean and chapter or to their communar to indemnify them by reason of the appropriation of the church of Bradeford to the said convent.

R.III. f. 183.

Ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath, upon the resignation by the abbot and convent of Jumiéges the patrons and Master Simon de Sancto Petro *super Dinam* the rector of all their rights as well in the church of Chyuton its chapels and appurtenances as in the advowson thereof and a pension of 10 marks which the abbey used to take therefrom, with the assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, in honour of the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Andrew, for the good report of the order of Jumiéges, the extension of hospitality in the manor (*sic*) of Jumiéges, and the increase of the common fund of Wells, accepting the resignation of the said Simon, instituting and by the archdeacon inducting the said abbot and convent to the rectory of the said church, and appropriating to them the revenues thereof, saving a perpetual vicarage therein, to consist of the altarage and the small tithes of the mother church and chapels other than the monks' court (prime bequest and chirset excepted, which shall belong to the abbey), the houses with court and curtilage at Chyuton wherein the chaplains of Chyuton hitherto dwelt, 2 acres of meadow eastward without Aldredescumbe, houses with court and curtilages at the chapels for the dwelling of chaplains (reserving the chapel granges with their necessary surroundings to store the abbey grain and hay); the vicar to serve in person in the mother church, and by chaplains in every chapel as of old time, to be answerable to the abbey for synodals and *cathedratica* from all of them due and accustomed other than the archdeacon's procurations, and to pay 5 marks a year at Chyuton at Easter and Michaelmas to the abbey or the proctor thereof, the abbey to present to the vicarage: moreover the abbey shall pay 35 marks a year at Wells at Easter and Michaelmas of the revenues of the said church to the dean and chapter or their proctor to increase their common fund, and likewise 3 marks a year towards the light for the daily service of the Virgin in the church of Wells, and 3 marks a year to the archdeacon in recompense for the loss of his rights by this appropriation; the said Master Simon late the rector shall take during his life towards his maintenance of the portion hereby assigned to the church of Wells 19 marks a year, and 26 marks a year payable by the abbey; the abbey and the vicar shall be rateably answerable for the repair of the chancels, vestments and ornaments of the church and chapels, for new building and extraordinary charges: should the church of Chyuton succeed in recovering the chapel of Eston minor, now in dispute in the king's court, the vicar shall cause the same to be served by a chaplain, and the abbey by appointment of the bishop shall assign to him so much of the goods of the said chapel as will enable him to support the charges thereof. Done at Wells, xiii kal. March 1241.

R.III. f. 183*d*.

Submission of William abbot of Jumiéges and the chapter to the ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath concerning the church of Chuetona with the chapels and appurtenances thereof. Dated 1241.

R.III. f. 184*d*.

Appropriation by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells, with the consent of both chapters, to the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, of the churches of Dultynges, Dichesgate, Budekleya and Estbrent, (whereof they are patrons,) with their chapels and appurtenances, after the decease or cession of the now rectors, provided that they be not assigned to the obedientiaries of that house or any of them, but to the payment of debts and the extension of hospitality, saving vicarages therein to be by the bishop assessed, to which the abbey shall present, also the pensions due towards certain offices in the said abbey, the rights of the bishop and the archdeacons, all charges ordinary and extraordinary, the dignity of the bishop and his churches; and in lieu of sequestrations during vacancies the abbey shall pay yearly at Easter to the communar of Wells 60*s*. for the three churches of Dultynges, Dichesgate and Estbrente, whereof the archdeacon shall take one third. Dated Northampton, v id. June 1266.

R.III. f. 184*d*.

Appropriation by Joscelin bishop of Bath of the church of Nortone by Hamedone to the abbey of St. Mary of Grestein (Gresteng'), to which it was formerly appropriated but afterwards taken away, reciting the submission of William the abbot and the convent, dated 1241, and also of Sir Silvester de Everdone parson of Nortone Gresteng', whom the abbey had presented thereto, saving a vicarage therein as formerly assessed, to which the abbey shall present; provided that the said abbey shall make provision for the said parson in 12 marks a year until he be beneficed, and pay to the chapter of Wells at Wells towards their common fund 40*s*. yearly, and to the archdeacon half a mark, saving also the dignity of the bishop and his churches, his jurisdiction and rights, and the procurations and synodals due to the archdeacon, to be paid by the vicar. Dated Voqui, xvi kal. March 1241.

R.III. f. 185.

Gift and assignment by Walter bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells of 10*l*. payable yearly at Michaelmas to the communar, during the life of William de Cherleton canon of Wells, to indemnify them for 10*l*. yearly, payable to the said William as above, which they gave and assigned of their manor of Northcury to discharge the said bishop. Dated Wells, Thursday after Christmas 1306.

R.III. f. 185*d*.

Inspeximus by William bishop of Bath and Wells of a gift made by Baldwin formerly lord of Thorna in almoin to the church of

St. Mary and St. John the evangelist of Legh in Devon and to the canons there, of 2 acres of land of la Wodehull, lying between land late of Simon de Lucthumbe (*sic*) and land late of Sampson de Radduna, with the advowson of the church of St. Margaret of Thorna, with warranty; witnessed by Sir Joel de Valletorta then sheriff of Sumerset, Henry de Chanflur, Master Henry parson of Stanton, Sir Thomas de Tetteburn, Simon de Luccumbe, John de Arundel, Robert de Wilecestria, William de Oreweye, Nicholas de Hallehey: also of a gift made by Henry prior of Legh and the convent, in the diocese of Exeter, to Master Walter de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Taunton their neighbour, for his great services, of the 2 acres and the advowson aforesaid, which they had of Baldwin de Thorna the former patron, with warranty: and appropriation by the said bishop, with consent of the chapters of Bath and Wells, (reciting the submission to him made by the said archdeacon, the patron and rector of Thorn St. Margaret, of the said 2 acres with the advowson and rectory of the said church, dated Michaelmas 1251,) of the said land and the advowson of the said church with the revenues thereof to the parish church of Milverton, which is a prebend of Wells attached to the archdeaconry of Tanton; future archdeacons to pay every year on the day before the anniversary of the said archdeacon 20*s*. to the communar of Wells to be divided among the canons and clerks present at the celebration of such anniversary at the high altar, also 40*s*. a year by quarterly payments to be by the communar delivered towards his maintenance to a priest vicar of Wells performing daily the service for the dead with commendation, *placebo* and *dirige* for the soul of the said archdeacon and his successors, his parents, brethren and sisters, John the priest his uncle formerly treasurer of Salisbury, Joscelin the bishop's predecessor, the said bishop, his predecessors and successors, the benefactors of the churches aforesaid, and Master Henry Thesun precentor of Wells, who built the altar of the Holy Saviour whereat the said service is to be performed; such priest to be nominated every year at Michaelmas by the archdeacon of Tanton (provided that no priest serve two years in succession), or by the chapter of Wells during a vacancy or upon default, and a substitute during the year (if necessary) by the archdeacon or in his absence by the highest then present in the church of Wells: should the archdeacon fail to observe this ordinance, the chapter of Wells shall hold the land and advowson aforesaid and the revenues thereof, provided the said service be duly performed, and in case of their default the same shall revert to the prior and canons of Legh, provided that a service for the dead be performed in their church, not by one of the canons, but by a secular priest to be appointed every year by the archdeacon of Tanton, paying nevertheless as above 20*s*. to the communar of Wells; saving the authority, jurisdiction and dignity of the bishop and his churches. Sealed by the bishop, and his churches of Bath and Wells, also by the said archdeacon, and the said prior and canons of Legh, who have bound themselves for ever to observe this ordinance. Done February 1251.

R.III. ff. 186-7.

Grant by John Saracenus dean of Wells and the chapter to John son of Master Hugh the cook for his life of a seld in the high street of Wells which Eva daughter of Algar in her testament left to the church of St. Andrew Wells, at a yearly rent of 2*s*. payable quarterly. Sealed by the grantors and by the said John. Witnesses: William Buche, Lawrence son of William, John de Wintonia, John the spenser, Adam Canun, Osbert Buche, James Drugeman.

R.III. f. 188.

Receipt by Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells to the treasurer of Wells for two muniments concerning the land of Midelton by Jevelcestre, one being an indenture of bishop William de Button the second, the other of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, with undertaking to return the same. Dated Wells, kal. September 1329.

R.III. f. 188*d*.

Collation and institution of Richard de Atteberg' clerk to the church of Gosebertkirk by Hugh bishop of Lincoln the patron, saving to Hugh Burgund' for life his vicarage therein, rendering to the said Richard as parson 13 marks yearly: nevertheless the croft appointed for the parsonage shall remain to the said Richard: saving also the bishop's customs, and the dignity of the church of Lincoln. Witnesses: Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, William de Hammes precentor of Wells, Thomas de Fiskerton chaplain, Master Walter de Well', Roger de Bohnam (?) and Stephen de Cicestria canons of Lincoln, Master Adam de Clanefeld and Ralph de Warevilla canons of Wells, Master William de Linc', Richard de Tinghurst, Oliver de Chedneco. Dated Dorkecestre, 3 November 9 bishop Hugh, by William de Thornaco archdeacon of Stowe.

R.III. f. 189.

Record of proceedings in Trinity term 13 Richard [II] *incipiente*: roll cxix.

Somerset to wit. Nicholas Sherman parson of Norton under Hamedon was summoned to answer to the dean and chapter of Wells for 4*l*. arrears of a yearly rent of 40*s*. due to them. Plaintiffs (by John Russell their attorney) say they were seised of the said rent in right of their church, payable at Wells yearly at Michaelmas, from time out of mind until two years before the date of the writ (20 January 12 Richard II), which defendant has refused to pay; and claim damages 20*l*. Defendant appears (by John his attorney), and says that he found his church discharged of the said rent: and craves the aid of John Pole the patron, and of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells the ordinary. A summons to issue to them to answer on the octave of Michaelmas.

R.III. f. 189.

Grant and acquittance by William de Cherleton canon of Wells to J. de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter, of all moneys by them paid to Master John de Wamberg' rector of Boclaund in the

diocese of Salisbury, in respect of a yearly pension of 10*l.* payable to the said William during his life by the dean and chapter, whereof he has given to the said John de Wamberg' 100*s.* payable yearly by the communar during his life if Master John so long live, provided that if Master John die in the life time of the said William the pension aforesaid shall thenceforth be paid wholly to the said William. Dated Wells, St. Simon and St. Jude 1322.

R.III. f. 189*d.*

Quitclaim by William de Maulesbergh (son of Richard de Maulesbergh) to Joscelin bishop of Bath, Master Hugh archdeacon of Tanton, William de Button subdean of Wells, and other the executors of Peter late dean of Wells, of half a virgate of land in Wells and the whole land of Merlegh, held by Peter de Cicestria late dean of Wells, and before him by Thomas de Cicestria late canon of Wells, which Margery his mother (late wife of the said Richard de Maulesbergh) used to say appertained to her and to her heirs as her frank marriage, that they may dispose thereof towards a service for the dead to be performed for ever in the church of Wells for the souls of the said bishop Joscelin, dean Peter, their predecessors and successors, and towards the obit of the said dean: also of all right of action against the said dean's will. Witnesses: Ernisius de Dunefde, William de Stratton knights, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wyke, Thomas de Autevilla, Roger the butler, Geoffrey de Bridiport, William Buche, Philip de Cnoll, Lawrence the reeve.

R.III. f. 190.

Bond of the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark by Bristol to the dean and chapter of Wells in a yearly pension of 40*s.* payable at Michaelmas in the church of Wells of the revenues of the church of Overestaweye to the said house appropriated, secured upon their goods in the town of Overstaweye. Dated in chapter, non. November 1326.

R.III. f. 190.

Fine levied at Westminster, the quinzaine of St. John Baptist 1 Edward I, between Edward dean of Wells and the chapter (by Adam Canun) plaintiffs, and brother John master of the house of St. Mark of Billiswik impedient, of 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* rents in Pouleth and Stoklond hereby assured to the dean and chapter, in consideration of 120 marks.

R.III. f. 190*d.* Somerset Record Soc. vi. 234.

Memorandum that, upon an agreement between the executors of Hugh de Romenal treasurer and of J. de Hereford canon of Wells on the one part and the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark of Byleswyke on the other, whereby the said master and brethren are bound to pay yearly for ever to the dean and chapter 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, contained in two bonds sealed by the master and brethren and by the bishop of Worcester, in consideration whereof the said executors promised to pay 120 marks, the said executors have paid

80 marks thereof on the vigil of All Saints, and are bound to pay the residue at the first levying of a fine between the parties in the king's court, the levying whereof both are to press forward at their joint cost. Dated the vigil aforesaid 1272.

R.III. f. 191.

Mandate of Otto cardinal deacon of St. Nicholas *in carcere Tulliano* and papal legate to the bishop of Bath, to cite the deans, archdeacons, chapters of cathedral and other churches, abbots or abbesses, and priors or prioresses of monasteries having no abbot or abbess of his diocese to appear before him on the octave of All Saints next, prepared according to their means to render an aid to the see of Rome, only four archdeacons having appeared at Michaelmas, the date of the postponement made at the request of the deans, chapters and archdeacons summoned to his presence first at Radinges and afterwards at London, when by mediation of the said bishop and of other archbishops and bishops they answered that they were ready to give an aid, as was also done in the church of France: also with the help of the archdeacons to admonish and persuade the lesser deans, rectors and vicars of his diocese likewise to give a liberal aid, and whereas many may not be of charity so enlightened as to know how to make answer suitable to the needs of their mother church, suggesting that such aid shall be the twelfth part of this year's revenues. Dated London, non. October 14 Pope G[regory] IX.

R.III. f. 191.

Accord between Sir Nicholas son of Martin and Isabel his wife on the one part and E[dward] dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, in a plea in the king's court touching the advowson of Westlideford, whereby the dean and chapter make a grant and quitclaim thereof, saving to them the ancient pension of half a mark yearly in name of a simple benefice, payable by the rector, and their ancient jurisdiction as heretofore, in consideration of 30 marks. Sealed by the said Nicholas on behalf of himself and his wife, and by Walter the succentor and Roger provost in the church of Wells (having special power so to do) for the dean and chapter. Done at London, St. Vincent's day 1277.

R.III. f. 191*d*.

Inspeximus and acceptance by William de Plumpton rector of Westlideford of the terms of the above accord. Dated the conversion of St. Paul the same year.

R.III. f. 191*d*.

Proxy by G. de Sancto Leofardo addressed to the chapter of Wells in favour of Master Ralph de Wicham canon of Wells, for the election of a dean, as he is unable to be present on St. Martin's day. Seal of the officiality of the court of Canterbury. Dated London, iii kal. November 1284.

R.III. f. 192.

Consent by J. dean of Wells and the chapter that Joscelin bishop of Bath may dispose at his pleasure of the church of Chyuton and the chapels thereof. Dated Wells, February 1241.

R.III. f. 192.

Collation and institution by Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury of Richard de Atteber' to the parsonage of Cherleton Makerell, saving to Robert de Meysi clerk the perpetual vicarage which he has therein subject to a yearly pension of 50*s*. payable to the said parson and his successors, saving also the right of all who claim the patronage thereof, the customs of the bishop and his churches, and their dignity. Dated Wells, the Innocents' day 12 bishop Joscelin.

R.III. f. 192*d*.

Ordinance and grant of Hugh bishop of Lincoln to his successors bishops of Lincoln, that they may upon every vacancy appoint as they shall think fit concerning the church of Hameldun and the patronage thereof, a pension of 20*s*. of the church of St. Peter Stanford, and concerning the chapel of Branteston, unless the said Hugh in his life time shall appoint otherwise, saving the bishop's customs and the dignity of the church of Lincoln. Done at the old Temple London, xvi kal. June 23 bishop Hugh.

R.III. f. 192*d*.

Letters patent of King Edward [I], being a licence in mortmain to the abbot and convent of St. Peter Gloucester to give and assign the advowson of Burnham to Robert bishop of Bath and his successors, and to the said bishop to accept the same. Tested at Westminster, 27 February 14 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 193. Pat. *Cal.* p. 226.

Letters patent of King Henry V, being a pardon and release to the dean and chapter of Wells, granted by the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal and at the request of the counties of the realm in the late parliament, for all offences against the statute of liveries of cloth and hats up to the 8 December last: also of the king's own motion a general pardon to the day aforesaid. Tested at Westminster, 29 June 3 Henry V.

R.III. f. 193.

Inspeximus and confirmation by King Edward [I], dated Berewyk on Tweed 2 August 19 Edward [I], and witnessed by A. bishop of Durham and others named, of a gift made by John abbot of St. Peter Gloucester and the convent to Robert Burnell bishop of Bath and Wells, of the advowson of Burnham in the diocese of Bath, and of a yearly pension of 10*l*. which they used to receive therefrom, to hold to the said bishop and his successors of them and their successors for ever, with warranty: witnessed by Thomas bishop of St. David's, William bishop of Llandaff, Sir John de Vescy, Sir John Tregoz, Sir Robert Pagani 'barons,' Sir William de Grandisono, Sir John de Sancto Laudo, Sir Robert de Panes knights.

R.III. f. 194. Charter Roll, (18).

Letters patent of King Edward [I], being a licence in mortmain, (for a fine with him made by the dean and chapter of Wells before W. bishop of Coventry and Lichfield the treasurer,) to Walter bishop of Bath and Wells to give and assign 2 acres of land in Burnham with the advowson of the church to the said dean and chapter and their successors; and to the dean and chapter to accept and hold the same, and also to appropriate and hold the church of Burnham to them and to their church of St. Andrew. Tested at Winchester, 16 May 34 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 194*d*. Pat. *Cal.* p. 433.

Letters patent of King Richard [II], being a confirmation to the dean and chapter of Wells of their estate in the parish church of Pokelchirche otherwise Pokulchurche in the diocese of Worcester. Tested at Westminster, 8 February 20 Richard [II].

R.III. f. 195.

Letters patent of King Richard [II], being a licence (granted in consideration of 40*l*. paid by the dean and chapter of Wells) to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to give and assign to the said dean and chapter and their successors the advowson of Pokulchirch otherwise Poklechirch county Gloucester, held of the king in chief, and to the dean and chapter to accept the same; and also a licence in mortmain to appropriate and hold the said church, saving to the king and his heirs the services due and accustomed, provided that the vicar be endowed with a competent portion, and that a sum of money (to be appointed by advice of the ordinary) be yearly divided among poor parishioners according to the statute of 15 Richard II. Tested at Westminster, 24 Septemtember 20 Richard [II].

R.III. f. 195.

Letters patent of King Henry VI, being a licence in mortmain tc Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells, to give to the dean and chapter of Wells the advowson of Abbots Bokeland in the diocese of Salisbury, of his patronage in right of his bishopric, wherein a vicarage was of old time endowed; and to the dean and chapter to accept the same, and to appropriate and hold the said church, provided a sufficient endowment for the vicarage be appointed by the diocesan, and a sum of money be yearly divided aomng poor parishioners according to the statute. Tested at Westminster, 26 November 2 Henry VI.

R. III. f. 195*d*. Pat. *Cal.* p. 168.

Letters patent of King Henry VI, being a pardon and release, granted at the request of the counties in the now parliament and by assent of the lords spiritual and temporal, to the dean and chapter of Wells for all offences against the statute of liveries of cloth and hats to 2 September 10 Henry VI; and of the king's own motion a general pardon to the day aforesaid. Tested in parliament at Westminster, 27 March 15 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 196.

Letters patent of King Edward [III], tested at Westminster 20 June 23 Edward [III], being an *inspeximus* and confirmation (the statute of mortmain notwithstanding, in consideration that one of the chantries therein appointed is for the king, his progenitors and heirs, and of 20*l.* to be by the bishop paid) of an ordinance tripartite, dated Banewell, 1 June 1349, made by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, with consent of both chapters, concerning a vicarage in the parish church of Chyw, which at his suit and cost has been attached to the said bishop's table, (one part whereof is to remain in the treasury of Wells, another in that of Bath, and the third with the vicar for the time being,) whereby the vicar shall find two chaplains, one to aid him in his cure of the parish, the other to celebrate mass daily as heretofore in the chapel of Doundray dependent on the said church; and in the church of Chyw shall be three chaplains to celebrate daily masses at convenient hours to be by the vicar limited, one in honour of the Virgin, another for the king, his progenitors and successors, the third for the bishop, his predecessors and successors, parents and benefactors, all making special mention of the peace of the church, the king and the realm, being present every day with the vicar and chaplains aforesaid at the canonical hours, and aiding the vicar in his cure when required; and whereas there are boys called choristers serving in divine offices in the church of Wells at the hours of day and night, for whose meat and raiment no rents have been assigned, so that often by reason of indigence they must absent themselves to seek a living elsewhere, such choristers shall receive yearly 10 marks of the fruits hereinafter to the said vicarage assigned, payable quarterly in the church of Wells by the said vicar; also (in consideration of the cost of his suit aforesaid) the dean and chapter of Wells and the prior and convent of Bath shall celebrate mass yearly for the said bishop in their churches on the morrow of the Purification during his life, and after keep his obit in solemn form for ever, for which purpose the vicar shall likewise pay 5 marks to the dean and chapter and 5 marks to the convent; to support these and other charges ordinary and extraordinary which the rectors used to bear, the vicarage is endowed with the lands, meadows, tenants and tenements, woods and manse of the rectory, with the rights and appurtenances of the church, the water mill, the tithes great and small, fruits, rents, revenues and profits which the rectors took in times past (reserving to the bishop and his successors the tithes great and small of the produce of cattle and other goods arising from the bishop's demesne, also all jurisdiction to the church annexed by right, privilege, statute, custom or otherwise, and such as the rectors used to exercise), but the vicar shall not claim the advowson, collation, institution or induction to any benefice which belonged to the rector, and he shall keep the rectory manse, garden, houses and buildings in repair; a yearly pension of 10*l.* is reserved to the bishop's table, to be paid quarterly of the fruits of the said church to the bishop and his successors, for payment whereof, and of a yearly pension of 20 marks of old accustomed to be paid to the churches of Bath and Wells, the

vicar shall be bound; and every vicar at his institution shall be sworn to observe this ordinance.

R.III. ff. 197-9.

Letters patent of King Henry IV, being a licence in mortmain to Richard Pyttys clerk (for 5 marks by him paid in the hanaper) to give and assign to the dean and chapter of Wells and their successors a messuage, 30 acres of land, 1 acre of meadow and pasture for fourscore sheep in Depford (not held in chief) towards the anniversary of John Manston in the church of Wells for ever; and to the dean and chapter to accept and hold the same. Tested at Westminster, 4 July 4 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 199.

Letters patent of King Edward IV, being a pardon and release to William Wytham dean of Wells and the chapter, otherwise the dean and chapter of Wells, for all offences against the statute of liveries of cloth and hats to 15 April last; also a general pardon (not to include any customer, nor Humfrey Nevyll knight, Thomas Malarie knight, Robert Marchall of Culneham county Oxford esquire, Hugh Mulle of London gentleman, Gervase Clyfton of London knight, William Verdon of London scrivener, Peter House of London esquire, Morgan ap Thomas ap Gruffuth of Kermerdyn gentilman, Henry ap Thomas ap Gruffuth of the same gentilman Owen ap Gruffuth ap Nicholas of county Kermerdyn esquire, Maurice ap Owen ap Gruffuth of the same gentilman, Thomas Philipp of Rye county Gloucester yoman, nor any attainted of high treason, nor Henry VI, Margaret his wife, Edward his son, nor those with them beyond the realm, nor the rebels keeping the castle or town of Hardelaugh in North Wales, nor the accounts of certain officials). Tested at Westminster, 1 December 8 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 199*d.*, 200.

Appropriation by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the prior and canons regular of the priory of Bustelesham of the order of St. Augustine in the diocese of Salisbury of the parish church of Cory Ryvel (now void by the resignation of John Toly the last rector) the revenues whereof do not exceed 30 marks, by licence of King Richard II and of John duke of Aquitaine and Lancaster (now founder thereof), with the consent of the dean and chapter of Wells, and of William de Monte Acuto now earl of Salisbury (late the patron,) who has caused the patronage to be given to the priory for this purpose, the said bishop having found in his visitations while bishop of Salisbury that the possessions and rents wherewith the founders (the progenitors of the said earl William) endowed the priory were small, that it was burdened with debt, that the church had to be built, that it was by the public street and ministered to the needs of many travellers, that the winter floods of the Thames often destroy their crops and damage their buildings, wherefore they could not support themselves and their ministers (more than thirty in number) and keep hospitality,

saving the rights of the bishop and archdeacon, the dignity of the churches of Bath and Wells, also certain pensions, namely 30*s.* 4*d.* due to the bishop and his successors, 20*s.* to the chapter of Wells, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the archdeacon of Tanton payable yearly on the morrow of *Quasimodo* Sunday in the church of Wells for ever, and reserving power to appoint a vicarage, with a portion of the revenues of the said church, land, houses and a manse for the dwelling and maintenance of a vicar. In triplicate: one part to remain in the treasury of Wells, another in the bishop's registry, the third with the priory. Dated in the parish church of Moneketon, 14 June 1391. Attested by Gilbert de Stone clerk of the diocese of Lichfield notary public, the bishop's registrar, and witnessed by Master Ralph Canon rector of Wotton Courteney, Sir Thomas Terry rector of Neweton Sayntlo, Roger Sygar and Thomas Polton clerks of the diocese of Salisbury notaries public.

Assent of the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, and Ralph de Erghum archdeacon of Tanton.

R.III. f. 201.

Agreement made on Tuesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1311, between John dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and John de Murdene on the other, that whereas the said John had by inheritance common of pasture upon the moors of the dean and chapter of Northcory, to wit Corymor, Boterlak' and Stathmor, for all manner of cattle at all times of the year, he quit-claims such common upon 886 acres which the dean and chapter are about to enclose and hold in severalty by consent of the commoners, saving his common upon the residue unenclosed; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant and demise to the said John his heirs and assigns 7 acres of their moor in Corymor by the king's perch, to hold of them and their successors freely for ever, with liberty to enclose and hold the same in severalty, at a yearly rent of 3*s.* 6*d.* (namely 6*d.* an acre); and further that henceforth the dean and chapter may not make agistments nor take *hauagium* of the cattle of strangers not having common there upon the aforesaid moors remaining in common, but the said John his heirs or assigns may impound such cattle whenever found feeding there in the pound of the dean and chapter, reserving to the dean and chapter reasonable amends with estrays, attachments and impoundments to be made by their bailiffs and servants: moreover the said John grants to the dean and chapter that they may enclose 20 acres of their moor in Stathmoor at their choice without the portion to him and others assigned. Dated Wells, Wednesday after the beheading of St. John Baptist the year above mentioned. Witnesses: Sir John de Bello Campo, Sir Henry de Urciato (*sic*), Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham knights, Nicholas de Meles, Philip de Columbariis, Matthew de Clyvedone, Henry de Urciato (*sic*), John de Burtone, Walter Lyf'.

R.III. f. 202.

Mandate of Edward dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter de Cnolton bailiff of Northcory, to give Hugh de la Hele seisin of a

messuage and three fardels of land in their manor of Northcory, late of Richard de la Hele. Dated Wells in chapter, Friday the morrow of St. Bartholomew 1284.

R.III. f. 203.

Indenture made at Wells 10 July 10 Edward III, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Cecily who was wife of Hugh atte Hele on the other, being a sale to the said Cecily of the marriage of Ralph son and heir of the said Hugh, and of the custody of the lands late of the said Hugh and of Alice his mother in the manor of Northcory, which came to their hands by reason of the nonage of the said heir; and in case the said Ralph die, the marriage of the other heirs of the said Hugh and custody as aforesaid. Sealed by the parties.

R.III. f. 203*d*.

Quitclaim by John son of Mabel Roweles to Hugh de la Hele his heirs and assigns, of a messuage and curtilage in the town of Northcury, and of the rents and services of Richard Rogga and Robert Gyan. Witnesses: Robert le Irreys, Thomas de Mere, William de Meridon, William Hughzet, John de Cnappe, Walter le Fry, Richard le Fry. Dated Northcory, the morrow of the Purification 24 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 203*d*.

Indenture made at Wells on Wednesday the morrow of St. Mark 1368, between Master Stephen Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and William Cammel precentor of Wells, Robert Samborne, John Lombard, and William Derby canons of Wells (executors of Ralph late bishop of Bath and Wells) on the other, witnessing that whereas the dean and chapter have received of the executors one missal with notes for the high altar, one pair of white vestments with furniture for St. Mary's chapel, a legacy of 10*l*. to the fabric of the church, three copes of red *camaca*, one with a clasp of silver gilt and enamelled, one chasuble, one dalmatic with tunic, three albs, three amices, two stoles, three maniples, three girdles, one of green silk with ornaments of silver gilt, one pair of sandals of the same suit, one dalmatic, one tunic of red *camaca* on one side and black on the other; also one gradual, one pastoral staff value 40 marks (in lieu of one value 10*l*.), and one mitre value 100*s*. which the said bishop had on loan of the church, they release and quitclaim to the said executors one gradual value 10*s*., and one silver chrismatory value 40*s*. which the bishop likewise had on loan, and all actions, plaints or demands against them; and the executors release and quitclaim to the dean and chapter 25 marks surplus value of the pastoral staff above mentioned, which they were bound to pay, one great iron bound coffer in the treasury sold to them for 40*s*., one legend of the saints sold to them for 3*s*. 4*d*., and one noble orfrey sold to them for 4*l*., upon condition that the canons of the said church shall make mention of the said bishop in their masses and prayers, and that the said sum (so far as it goes) shall be in satisfaction of the residue

of the bishop's estate ; and likewise all actions which they or the said late bishop might have had. Dated the chapter house, Thursday after St. Mark 1368.

R.III. f. 204.

Gift by Robert Gyene of Bristol to Robert son and heir of William Gyene of Northcury and to Christina his wife of a messuage a windmill, his lands, moor and tenements in Chereleyestathe and in the whole hundred of Northcory, with the reversion of the lands held in dower by Maud who was wife of Robert Gyene (grandfather of Robert son of William) in the said hundred, the rents and services of free and villein tenants, to hold to Robert son of William and to Cristina, and to the heirs of the body of Robert son of William of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, with warranty, remainder to the grantor. Sealed by the parties. Dated Chereley, 16 July 12 Edward III. Witnesses : Richard de Acton, John Gyene, John atte Sloo of Somerton, Thomas atte Welle, Walter Caucy.

R.III. f. 204*d*.

Gift by Margery atte Sloo to John Wareyn, Walter Wynkaulton and John Upton canons of Wells, of 3*s*. 9*d*. yearly rent which John Boddeleye used to pay her for a burgage held of her for his life in Nywport, together with the reversion of the said burgage ; also of 18*d*. yearly rent which William Loue used to pay her for 2 acres of arable land held of her for his life in a *cultura* called Langedoune within the hundred of Northcory, with the reversion of the said land. Witnesses : Sir John Beauchamp, Sir John Lortye knights, Peter Yevelton, Hugh Caucy, Henry Hach, Maurice Walsch, John Murdon. Dated Northcory, Tuesday before the Purification 8 Richard II.

R.III. f. 205.

Indenture of lease by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter le Eyr and the first wife he shall marry, for their lives. of 27½ acres of pasture in Stathmore, formerly held upon lease by Maud who was wife of Robert Gyan, to hold by the service of 27*s*. 6*d*. yearly payable at Michaelmas and Hockeday. Dated Wells in chapter, Sunday after St. Barnabas 1347.

R.III. f. 205.

Quitclaim by Thomasia daughter of Robert le Whyte of Knapp (in her virginity) to Master Stephen Pympel dean of Wells and the chapter and to their successors, of the lands, messuages, curtilages, gardens, meadows, pastures, rents, services etc. of free and other tenants now or late held by Hugh atte Hele, Thomas atte Hele, Cecily atte Hele, and Joan atte Hele (who was wife of the said Thomas) at la Hele within the manor and lordship of Northcory and Knapp. Witnesses : Hugh Caucy, Henry le Dole, Benet le Frye, Henry Hacch, John de Murydone. Dated Northcory, Thursday after St. Lucy 36 Edward III.

(Margin: Acquittance of the heirs of la Borowe in the hundred of Northcory).

R.III. f. 205*d*.

Transmission by Humphrey Stafford sheriff of Somerset to the bailiff of the liberty of the bishop of Bath of three writs, ordering him to deliver to the dean and chapter of Wells certain fugitive neifs with their chattels and all that goes with them wherever found in his bailiwick save upon the king's demesne: one tested at Westminster 19 April 14 Richard [II] naming Henry Crey, the others 4 December 15 Richard [II] naming respectively William son of William Crey and Henry his brother, and John son of William Crey and William son of John Crey.

R.III. f. 206.

Mandate of Humphrey Stafford sheriff of Somerset to his bailiffs itinerant to execute the two writs last above mentioned. Dated Wells, 29 December 15 Richard II.

R.III. f. 206.

Lease indented by John de Carleton dean of Wells and the chapter to Sir Richard de Acton knight, of 14 closes of pasture, each containing 5 acres, in Haymor in the manor of Northcory between Stathmor and Corymoresmede, formerly held by William Trote, Hugh atte Fenne, Gilot atte Burgh, Richard Payn, Robert Stylham, John Waspray (?), Walter atte Wode, John atte Sloo, Robert Gyan of Bristol, John atte Wode, Robert le Gale, John atte Chambre and William in Therewe (*sic*), to hold for his life at a rent of 42*s*. a year for the next two years and afterwards of 4*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. yearly at Midsummer; Sir Richard shall enclose the same within a year and maintain the enclosures at his own cost, shall claim no common by reason thereof upon their lands, meadows, pastures and moors, and shall not demise the said closes to any other: power to reenter in default of distraint for arrears of rent. Witnesses: John atte Sloo, Walter Caucy, William de Hacch, Thomas de Knapp, Thomas Grey. Dated the chapter house Wells, St. George's day 28 Edward III.

R.III. f. 206*d*.

Mandate of Master E. de Lenn' official of the lord [archbishop] of Canterbury to Master Gosbert de Falesham official of the archdeacon of Wells, to cite William de Button clerk, nephew of the bishop of Bath, to appear before him in the church of St. Mary le Bow London on Friday after *Quasimodo* Sunday. Dated London, Thursday after St. Hilary 1251.

R.III. f. 207.

Submission by William Gyan to the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells, for enforcing the terms of a feoffment to him made by Simon Gyan of all his lands in Northcorylonde, Dunnewere and Badpole, upon condition of finding a messuage for a chaplain

celebrating in the church of Stokes for the soul of the said Simon, his parents and benefactors, and of paying to such chaplain 50*s.* a year at Stokes by quarterly payments, with proviso against alienation. Witnesses: Richard, the succentor of Wells, Sir Philip de Canteleo, knight, Henry Hyngolf hundredman of Northcory, Adam de Merydon, Robert de Mere, John de Marisco, Robert le Taylur.

R.III. f. 207.

Agreement made on Tuesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1311, between John dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and William Bussel and Agnes his wife on the other, that whereas the said William had common of pasture on the moors of the dean and chapter of Northcory, namely upon all parts of Corymor, Boterlake and Stathmor for all manner of cattle at all times of the year, he quitclaims such common upon 886 acres which the dean and chapter are about to enclose and hold in severalty by consent of the commoners, saving his common upon the residue unenclosed; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant and demise to the said William his heirs and assigns 8 acres of their moor in Stathmor and Corymor by the king's perch, to hold of them and their successors freely for ever, with liberty to enclose and hold the same in severalty, at a yearly rent of 4*s.* (namely 6*d.* an acre); and further that henceforth the dean and chapter may not make agistments nor take *hauagium* upon the moors aforesaid remaining in common of the cattle of strangers not having common there, but the said William may impound such cattle whenever found feeding there in the pound of the dean and chapter, reserving to the dean and chapter reasonable amends with estrays, attachments and impoundments to be made by their bailiffs and servants; moreover the said William grants to the dean and chapter that they may enclose 20 acres of their moor in Stathmor at their choice without the portion to him and others assigned. Dated Wells, Wednesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist the year above mentioned. Witnesses: Sir John de Bello Campo, Sir Henry de Urciato (*sic*), Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham knights, Nicholas de Meles, Philip de Columbariis, Matthew de Clyvedon, Henry de Urciato (*sic*), John de Burtone, Walter Lyf'.

R.III. f. 207*d.*

Gift by Gilbert son of Gilbert de Thorne knight (*militis*) to Edward dean of Wells and the chapter of 6 acres of wood, etc.

R.III. f. 208. Incomplete, with reference to the charter of Gilbert de Thorne, f. 37*d*: see above p. 320.

Receipt by Robert Gyene of Northcory to Henry de Folham canon of Wells for 4 marks, in payment of 18 marks due to him on Sunday after Michaelmas from the dean and chapter. Dated Wells, the day before mentioned 14 Edward [III ?].

R.III f. 208.

Grant and quitclaim by Thomas Payn and Richard Craddok to Margery atte Sloo, her heirs and assigns, of the lands, tenements, rents, services and reversions which they had in Hountham by feoffment of William Blake. Witnesses: John de Beauchamp, John Lorty knights, Peter Yevelton, Henry Hache, Hugh Caucy. Dated 14 April, 48 Edward III.

R.III f. 208*d*.

Gift by Walter de Kam to Roger de Stokelinche and Agnes who was wife of Richard Bussel, of the custody of the land of the said Richard held of him in la Hille in the manor of Northcory, with the marriage of Adam son and heir of the said Richard, until the full age of the said Adam, granting them likewise, should the said Adam die, the custody and marriage of William the next son, or of Richard the next son, or of any of the issue of the said Richard, with warranty, and indemnity for failure thereof, in consideration of 10 marks. Sealed by the parties. Witnesses: Walter de Loueny, Geoffrey de la Slo, Thomas de la Mere, Roger Hughet, Richard de Fonte, Hugh de la Hele, John de Cnappe. Dated Cnappe, Sunday before St. Peter *ad vincula* 15 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 209.

Memorandum of agreement, made 20 April 6 Edward III, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Robert de Somerton on the other, whereby the dean and chapter granted to the said Robert the custody of the lands late of William Colne of Northcory, held of them in chief by knight service, until the full age of the heir of the said William, with the crop of corn thereon growing (saving the costs thereof in ploughing and seed, which he shall repay) in consideration of 7*l*. 10*s*., with warranty.

R.III. f. 209.

Licence by Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter to Elias Spelly, Walter Derby and Thomas Beaupyne of Bristol, to give to Thomas prior of Worspryng, the canons and their successors a messuage, dovecote, one carucate of land, the lands, tenements, rents and services of free tenants and neifs in the tenure of Richard Dacton knight in Welle and Haucrych within their manor of Northcory, formerly of Thomas atte Welle, held of them in chief by knight service, and to the said prior and convent to enter and hold the same, saving the rents and services to the dean and chapter due and accustomed, men of religion being forbidden by statute to enter a lay fee without licence of the king and of the chief lords. Dated the chapter house Wells, Tuesday after St. Peter and St. Paul 6 Richard II.

R.III. f. 209*d*.

Gift by Hugh son of Hugh atte Hele of Northcory to the dean and chapter of Wells his lords, (to repay them for that they by their bailiffs and ministers kept, cultivated and disposed of his lands and tenements within the precinct of the manor of Northcory during the time that he for certain causes had withdrawn himself

from the county of Somerset,) of all fruits and revenues taken from his said lands from the first day of his absence to this date; and quitclaim of all actions for damage or waste. Witnesses: John atte Sloo, Thomas de Mere, John de Knappe, William Buscel, John de Muridone. Dated Northcory, Wednesday after St. Tiburcius and St. Valerianus 8 Edward [I ?].

R.III. f. 210.

Fine levied at Westminster in the octave of St. John Baptist 31 Henry III, between Robert de Columbariis plaintiff and John dean of Wells and the chapter tenants (by Alexander de Baunfeld of two carucates of land in Hacche, which the plaintiff quitclaimed in consideration of 10 marks.

R.III. f. 210. Somerset Record Soc. vi. 129.

Indenture made at Wells on Tuesday after St. Martin 1355, between John de Carletone dean of Wells and the chapter (to whom is appropriated the parish church of Northcory) on the one part and Sir John de Troubrigge vicar of the said church on the other, whereby the dean and chapter, to increase the portions of the vicarage, give to the said John the fruits and emoluments arising from 6 acres of pasture in a close in the park of Stoke on the west side, from 1 acre of meadow in Whiteneyemede on the east side, and from the crop of 1 acre of underwood in their wood called Luttestokeswode to be falled every year between Christmas and Easter by the appointment of their steward at Northcory, and delivered to the vicar by the bailiff there, for a chantry in the chapel of Lillesdone, to hold to the said John for life and to his successors freely at a yearly rent of one rose at Midsummer; but the vicar shall celebrate in the said chapel every Wednesday and Friday, if that be not a double feast, and if the lord or lady of Lillesdone be present; if either day be a double feast he shall celebrate on the morrow, but if that be also a double feast, on the day first appointed mention shall be made of those for whom the chantry was established; the lord of Lillesdone shall find a clerk and all things to the mass belonging except bread; the vicar shall not be bound to wait for the lord or lady of Lillesdone after the first hour of the day, but may leave without a mass, and make mention of the persons for whom the said chantry is appointed where he happens to be celebrating: in case of default the dean and chapter may take again and hold the pasture, meadow and crop aforesaid. Warranty clause. Witnesses: Sir Ralph de Meddelneye, Sir John de Clyvedone, Sir Richard de Actone knights, Matthew de Clyvedone, John de Somerton, John de Somerton (*sic*), John Houndesmor, John atte Sloo, Thomas Cnappe, William Hacch.

R.III. f. 210*d*.

Restitution by William Parle, a parishioner of Northcory, in his own name and in the name of William atte Rewe his associate, to his lords the dean and chapter of Wells, of certain tithes of corn belonging to the chapter as rectors of Northcory to which he had

no title, acknowledging that he took the same wrongfully and mixed them with other tithes in certain places which he had purchased of the said rectors, thereby incurring the sentence of excommunication pronounced against him by the dean's official as the special commissary of the chapter, for which he has craved absolution, wherefore the keys of certain houses wherein the said tithes were stored were delivered to the treasurer of Wells in the name of the chapter ; with undertaking upon oath to abide by the orders of the church and the appointment of the chapter in regard to his offence. Sealed by the said William and with the seal of the dean's officiality. Dated Wells, Wednesday after St. Leonard Abbot 1335, in presence of Master Richard treasurer of Wells, Robert de Baldok canon of Wells, Hugh de Opphulle vicar, William de Crystesham, Reginald the sacrist of Wells, Geoffrey de Baggerygg'.

On Friday the vigil of St. Martin, 10 November the same year, in the inn of Master John de Wamberge canon of Wells guardian of the dean's jurisdiction (the deanery being void) William Parle and William on the Rewe sealed this letter, and procured that the seal of the dean's officiality should be thereto attached, in presence of Edmund de Waltham, Master William de Crystesham clerk, and Stephen de Hulle clerk notary public.

R.III. f. 211.

Undertaking upon oath, dated Wells, Saturday after the Assumption the same year, by Robert Gyan of Northcory *literatus*, to observe certain orders made by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter upon certain articles concerning him, which he has seen in writing, heard translated, and fully understood : namely, that whereas the said Robert, a layman and parishioner of Northcory (the church whereof is appropriated to the dean and chapter), notwithstanding his oath of fealty to them, wrongfully caused to be cut down and carried away certain oaks and alders in their park and grove called Pykham, and a great number of alders in a moor called Stathmora, both in that manor, to the value of 10*l.* and more, beat and wounded to the shedding of blood Robert Coppe their manciple, being upon their soil engaged in their business, prevented them and their servants making drifts upon their moors and having their liberties and customs (damages 8 marks and more), and so affrighted their tenants and servants that they dared not perform their duties, wherefore being summoned before them and making no defence, but acknowledging several of the said excesses, all of which were proved by witnesses, sentence of excommunication was pronounced against him : upon his after submission and oath to abide by their commands, order that the said Robert shall within two months make restitution of the said oaks and alders, or others like them, and for his infringement of the liberty of the church shall on three Sundays within two months thrice be scourged round the church of Northcory naked except his breeches before the procession, and likewise thrice on three other Sundays round the church of Wells, carrying every day of his penance a lighted candle of 1*lb.* weight, and shall hold

the same in his own hands in the naves of the said churches from the procession until the offertory, and then humbly offer the same to the celebrant at the high altar, and himself and the celebrant shall distinctly in the mother tongue declare the cause of such penance and oblation; also he shall content the said Robert Coppe of 40*s*. for his damages, and the dean and chapter of 8 marks damages in respect of the drifts aforesaid, and do penance on six other days in like manner; he shall not enter their groves, warren or moors, or commit, attempt or procure the like excesses in future, but shall defend the liberties of their church, saving 6 loads of alder to be to him delivered every year between the Exaltation of Holy Cross and Michaelmas by view of their bailiff, according to a composition between them and Robert Gyan his father formerly made; he shall under his own seal and another bind himself, his heirs and executors and all his goods in 20*l*., and deliver to them such bond before the feast of St. Bartholomew next, taking a defeasance under their common seal upon condition of good behaviour in accordance with these orders; he shall be sworn to observe the same, shall submit and consent to a sentence of excommunication in case of infringement, and shall make his consent and confession in writing under his seal: dated Wells, 5 July 1337, in presence of Master Stephen de Hull clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public, and Richard de Tychemersh vicar in the church of Wells.

R.III. f. 212*d*.

Memorandum of agreement made on St. Sampson's day 4 Edward II, between John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Sir John de Acton, Sir Nicholas Braunch, Sir John Clivedon knights, Hugh de Bello Campo and Idonea his wife, John de Berklee and Walter le Bole on the other part, namely that the dean and chapter will enfeoff Sir John de Acton of 20 acres in their moor of Stathmor, Sir Nicholas of 20 acres for life with remainder in fee to Sir John de Clivedon, John de Berklee of 20 acres, Hugh and Idonea of 20 acres, and Walter of 9½ acres 16 perches, to enclose and hold in severalty of the dean and chapter at a yearly rent of 3*d*. an acre; in consideration of which promise or future gift the other parties, for themselves, their heirs and their men of Stath, quitclaim their right of common upon 886 acres of moor by them now granted to the dean and chapter to hold in severalty in Boterlake, Corymor and Stathmor, provided that the dean and chapter make no agistments nor take *haiuagium* upon the moors remaining in common of the cattle of strangers not having common there, saving the common of the other parties in all other moors and places as before, and provided that they and their free men having common there may by themselves or their servants impound such cattle whenever found feeding there in the pound of the dean and chapter, reserving to the dean and chapter amends with estrays, attachments and impoundments to be made by their bailiffs and servants: moreover the dean and chapter may within a year and a half fall, sell and carry away at will the alder wood growing upon the portions to the other parties to be assigned. Dated Northcory, as above.

R.III. f. 213*d*.

Gift by Walter Portefer to John atte Sloo, Margery his wife and John their son, and the heirs and assigns of the said John atte Sloo, of a burgage and half a burgage at the Nywport with curtilages, lands, meadows, woods, feedings and pastures adjacent in the hundred of Northcory, to hold of the chief lords by the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses: John de Somerton, Thomas de Knappe, William Hacch, Richard atte Welle, Nicholas de Miridon, Thomas Grey, John Ory. Dated the Nywport, Tuesday after St. Alphege Abp. 23 Edward III.

R.III. f. 214*d*.

Acknowledgement by Ralph de Middelnye (tenant of lands late of John Finel in Westlenge) that whereas he has made a bridge over the bounds between the lordship of the dean and chapter of Wells (lords of the manor of Northcory) and himself, and over it has driven his cattle upon the common of their said lordship, this has been done by permission of the dean and chapter, and not as of right. Dated Dorston, Sunday after the Epiphany 12 Edward III. (*French*).

R.III. f. 214*d*.

Note of the several lands and meadows acknowledged in the king's court by Peter Jevelton and others against the dean and chapter of Wells; namely Balrichcroft, Sandfurlang, Milefurlang, Gouleclyve, Brodemede and Churchmor: other several places beyond the park of Pynkham time out of mind: the enclosures called Haymores and Corymoresclos, the closes called Haymores, New Purprestures, Kyngesmede, Whytenyesmede, Leuerymede, Chalfcroftes; the *culture* called Hilemyxone, Schetlond Gore, Shortlond, Garston, Coristescroft, Lustokewode, Zere, Bowode, Stathmoresmede. At Westhacch, the whole manor, both the demense and [the holdings] in severalty of free tenants and neifs. At Knapp, Estfeld, Westfeld, Poundhill, Wilhill, two closes called Oxenelese, two woods called Knapwode and Bynnesbarewode.

Note of the common in the lordship of Northcory claimed by Peter Jevelton for his free tenement. From the lordship of Westhacch on the east side of the tenements of Robert Forde and John Pode to Cory, upon fields, meadows and common places not above named, whereon the other tenants free and neifs have common, and upon the common moors of the manor save places above named.

R.III. f. 215. (Compare the proceedings below ff. 232-8, pp. 425–8.)

Notification by Hugh de la Wyche to Robert Gyan that he is to answer to Hugh de la Hele for 1½*d*. yearly rent with homage etc. to him due. Dated Northcory, the morrow of St. John Baptist 14 Edward I.

R.III. f. 215.

Gift by Hugh de la Wyche to Hugh de la Hele of the custody and profit of 3 acres of land in Huntham, formerly held of him by Richard Buscel by knight service, until the full age of Adam son

and heir of the said Richard, or (in case of Adam's death) of William son of the said Richard, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Walter de Loueny knight, William de Thorne, Geoffrey de la Sloo, Thomas de Mere, Walter the hundr[edman], William de Miridon, Walter le Frye, Richard le Fry.

R.III. f. 215.

Gift by Hugh de la Wyche to Hugh de la Hele of 1½*d.* yearly rent which Robert Gyan used to pay him at Easter for 2½ acres of land held of him in Northcory, to hold of the grantor for ever with the homage and fealty of the said Robert, wards, reliefs, escheats, suits, etc., with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Walter Loueny, Sir Baldric de Noneton, Sir William de Thornefagon, Thomas de Mere, Walter le Hundr[edman].

R.III. f. 215*d.*

Gift by Mabel Rowles of Northcory to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife of a messuage with curtilage in Northcory, and the rent and service of Richard Rogga and of Robert Gyan, each for a messuage and curtilage in the same town, which they used to pay to the said Mabel, to hold to the said Hugh and Alice and the heirs of the said Hugh, with homage, fealty, wards, reliefs, marriages, scutages, escheats, etc., of the chief lords of the fee, in consideration of 4 marks. Witnesses: Thomas de Mere, Robert le Yreys, John de la Sloo, William de Miridon, William Hughet, John de Knappe, Walter le Frye. Dated Northcory, Monday before the feast of St. Mary 21 Edward [I ?].

R.III. f. 216.

Gift by Walter Portifer to Richard Craddok and Nicholas Mancel clerks of a burgage in Northcory, to hold for ever of the chief lords, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Bollisdon, Henry Hacch, John Abbeye. Dated Northcory, 3 August 44 Edward III.

R.III. f. 216.

Proxy by John abbot of Athelneye and the convent to brother Robert Wynchestre one of the monks, to act for them in a dispute between the dean and chapter of Wells and themselves touching divers plaints temporal and spiritual, and to pay the dean and chapter 6 marks awarded them in final settlement by Sir Peter Courtenay knight. Dated the chapter house Athelyngney, 3 September 1394.

R.III. f. 216*d.*

Bond upon oath of William Colne of Northcory to the dean and chapter of Wells in 20*l.* received as a loan, payable at Wells on Christmas day next. Dated Wells, 3 November 18 Edward II.

R.III. f. 217.

Accord between Hugh de Bello Campo and Idonea his wife on the one part and John de Godlee dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, in a dispute touching a chantry in the chapel of St.

Martin at Lillesdon to be celebrated three days a week for certain lands granted to the dean and chapter, common of pasture upon a piece of moor called Boterlake, and damages in Northcory and Cnappe by the reflux of water and the raising of the watercourse to Cnappe mill, made on Saturday after St. James Ap. 10 Edward II: namely that Hugh and Idonea shall quitclaim all right in the said chantry, their common of pasture aforesaid by reason of their tenements in Lillesdon, and their damages by the reflux of water, and grant to the dean and chapter power to make a new watercourse 24 feet wide from the river of Tone below Hamme to a new mill to be by them built at Cnappe, with leave to scour the same and throw up earth on either side, provided that the lands, pastures and meadows of Hugh and Idonea be not damaged or flooded by such watercourse and by the reflux of water, or else amends be immediately made and the damage paid: in consideration whereof the dean and chapter shall grant to Hugh and Idonea or their heirs 5 acres of moor in Boterlake on the west side by Folkesmore or elsewhere, to hold in severalty and enclose, at the yearly rent of one garland of roses to be laid upon the high altar of the church of Northcory at Midsummer, shall obtain licence of the king and the other commoners at their own costs, and shall make and maintain two bridges over the new watercourse aforesaid for carrying hurdles (*glagell'*), hay, etc., and driving the cattle of Hugh and Idonea and their men or tenants. Sealed by the parties. Witnesses: Walter de Cungresbury, John de Knappe, Thomas de Burghe. Dated Northcory, as above.

R.III. f. 217.

Certificate of John Copleston sheriff of Somerset that he has on this day, in presence of John Lorty knight, Edmund Seyntloo and John Wareyn canons of Wells, William Whyttock and Thomas Miles, given seisin and execution to the dean and chapter of Wells, in accordance with a writ tested by Robert Bealknapp, in May 9 Richard [II], upon judgment by default given by the justices in the king's court at Westminster against Robert abbot of Athelney, Elias Spelly and Richard Brice, of common of pasture upon Saltmore. Dated Northcory, 7 June 9 Richard II.

R.III. f. 218. See copy of the writ, f. 41: above p. 322.

Lease granted at Michaelmas 22 Edward [I ?] by Roger de Molis to Hugh de la Hele, of the custody and profit of the lands, tenements and pastures of Saltmor late of William de Insula in Stathe until the lawful age of the heirs of the said William, with the rents and services of villeins, at a yearly rent of 8*l.*, saving to the grantor pasture for his swine in the pasture of Stathmor and Segmor. Sealed by the parties. Dated Cadebury, Wednesday after the Translation of St Benedict.

R.III. f. 218*d.*

Indenture made at Welles on Saturday after St. Mary Magdalen 35 Edward III, between Master John de Carleton dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Piers de Yevelton (cousin

and heir of Thomas de Somerton) on the other, whereby the dean and chapter grant that the said Piers shall never henceforth be impeached or damaged for that he, being of full age, has entered and holds the lands late of the said Thomas his uncle held of them in Northcory (which lands they took in ward, and granted the custody thereof to John Barel during the nonage of the said Piers, reserving to themselves a yearly rent and right of entry in default, but afterwards reentered for non-payment); and the said Piers discharges the dean and chapter of all waste during his nonage, saving his right of action against others: the dean and chapter covenanting that Nicholas Forde canon of Wells, John Spaldyng vicar of St. Cuthbert and Richard Haretrowe (which John and Richard are executors of John de London late canon of Wells) shall make to the said John Barel no acquittance or release of a statute merchant of warranty to the said Nicholas Forde and John London delivered but by assent of the said Piers. (*French*).

R.III. f. 218*d*.

Indenture of accord, made at Northcory, St. Swithin's day 29 Edward III, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Dame Idoygne de Beauchamp (lady and heir of Lillesdon) on the other, concerning her claim to have a chantry in her chapel of Lillesdon; namely that the said chantry shall be performed two days in every week (on Wednesday and Friday) for ever when the said lady or her heirs are residing at Lellisdon, if on such days be not a double feast; but if two double feasts come together, then mention shall be made on the day first named (the Wednesday or the Friday): the said lady and her heirs shall find a clerk and necessaries for the mass, except bread, and the dean and chapter shall find a chaplain and bread: the chaplain shall not be bound to wait beyond the hour of prime, and if they do not come, he may go his way without a mass: if he sing mass elsewhere when the said lady or her heirs are not there resident, he shall make mention of those for whom the said chantry is appointed; the said lady quitclaims for ever all further rights in dispute. Witnesses: Sir Richard de Acton, Sir John Clyvedon, Sir Ralph de Middelneye knights, Richard Pyk', John de Somerton, Piers Chubbeworth, John Houndesmor. (*French*).

R. III. f. 219.

Gift by Richard de Collake to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife of one acre of land in Scherpham which he had by gift and feoffment of William Fraunceys, to hold to the said Hugh and Alice and the heirs of the said Hugh for ever at a yearly rent of one peppercorn, performing the services to the chief lords due and accustomed, with warranty, in consideration of 33*s*. Witnesses: Robert Gyan, John de la Sloo, Robert le Yreys, John de Knappe, William de Miridon, Walter le Frye.

R.III. f. 219*d*.

Gift by Walter de Kaam to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife of a tenement held of him for life by Robert de Hountham in

Hountham, with the rent and service of the said Robert, and the reversion, to hold to the said Hugh and Alice and the heirs of the body of the said Hugh of the grantor his heirs and assigns for ever, at a yearly rent of 1*d.* at Easter for all demands saving the king's service and suit of the court of Knapp twice in the year, with warranty. Witnesses : William Sylvayn, John de la Sloo, Thomas de Mere, Robert Gyan, Richard de la Welle, John de Knappe, Walter le Frye, Richard le Frye. Dated London, Monday after St. John Baptist 22 Edward [I ?].

R.III. f. 220.

Gift by H. bishop of Winchester to Robert de Columbariis his knight of the land of Heccha, purchased by the said bishop of Bernerius de Ferraria to the use of the church of Winchester by grant of king Stephen, and by him confirmed to the said church, to hold of the said church and of the said bishop and his successors by the service of one knight, with soc and sac, toll and theam, infangenetheof and all liberties to the same belonging. Witnesses : Henry the king's nephew, Robert de Cornevilla, Bernard, Richard, William and another William the bishop's chaplains, Master William and Master Anschetil clerks, Henry the king's nephew, Henry de Portu, Robert de Novo Burgo, Hugh de Fiscanno, Roger de Meleforda, Geoffrey de Furnellis, Thomas de Monte Acuto, Hamon his brother, Ralph de Portu, Osbert de Capenall', Richard de Fiscanno, Gilbert son of Odo, Gilbert son of Anfrid, Gilbert son of Humfrey de Sartilli, Engelard the chamberlain, William his nephew, Peter the spenser, William de Stana, Robert his brother, Patrick son of Walter de Sar', Robert son of Aubrey de Ver, Richard son of Gerald de Tantona.

R.III. f. 220.

Notification by Walter de Kaam to Robert de Hountham that he is to answer to Hugh de la Hele and Alice his wife for the rent and service of the tenement which the said Robert holds for life. Dated London, Monday after Midsummer 22 Edward [I ?].

R.III. f. 220*d.*

Quitclaim by William Osegod to Master Stephen de Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors, of the lordship, rent and services in the lands and tenements of la Hele, and of all lands, services and rights belonging to the lordship, lands and tenements now or heretofore held by Hugh atte Hele or Thomas atte Hele or any the heirs or assigns of the said Hugh in the lordships or manors of Northcory and Knappe. Witnesses : Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Edmund de Clyvedon, Sir Richard de Acton, Sir Walter de Rodeneye knights, Matthew de Clyvedon, Hugh Causey, Henry Hacch. Dated Wells, Saturday the morrow of St. Katherine 36 Edward III.

R.III. f. 221.

Indenture between Master Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Sir Humphrey Shiliere

chaplain on the other, being a lease granted by the dean and chapter of the altarage of the chapel of Stoke St. Gregory within the parish of Northcory, with the houses built for a chaplain to serve the said chapel and the small tithes thereto belonging, for 7 years, as fully as the said Humphrey formerly held the same, at a yearly rent of 100*s.*; the said Humphrey to serve the chapel aforesaid and bear all charges ordinary and extraordinary, but he may depute an *aquebajulus* for this service by view and consent of the steward of the dean and chapter; he shall have yearly one load of brushwood for his fuel in the park of Stoke by livery of the moreward, and shall maintain the said houses: if he overlive the said term, the lease shall be renewed for other 7 years, and so from term to term during his life. Dated the chapter house Wells, 26 October 1395.

R.III. f. 221.

Lease indented by Thomas prior of Worspring and the convent to Thomas de Sudburia dean of Wells, the chapter and their successors, of a corrody of one quarter of wheat yearly to be taken of lands of the priory in Welle within the manor of Northcory, formerly of Thomas atte Welle, after the death of Richard Dacton knight, with power to distrain for arrears. Dated the chapter house Worspryng, Saturday after Midsummer 6 Richard II.

R.III. f. 221*d.*

Lease granted by Walter de Caam lord of Knappe to Richard de la Well, Cecily his wife and Margaret who was wife of Richard Trul of Tanton, of 18 acres of land in Scallard and 2 acres of meadow in Biesteforde between the meadow of William Boscel and that of Gunnilda la Whyte, to wit the land and meadow which Richard Trul formerly held for life of the said Walter, to hold to the said Richard, Cecily and Margaret or the survivor of them during their lives at a yearly rent of 3*d.*, with warranty, in consideration of 12 marks. Sealed by the parties. Witnesses: Thomas de Mere, Robert le Yreis, William Miridon, William Hughet, John de Knappe, Hugh de la Hele, William de la Ferlinge. Dated Knappe, Thursday the morrow of St. James Ap. 30 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 222.

Surrender and quitclaim by Richard le Caam to the dean and chapter of Wells, in their court of Northcory held on Monday after St. Nicholas 10 Edward III, before the treasurer of Wells and Walter de la Walle deputies of the steward, of a messuage and half a virgate of land formerly held by Margery Coteles in the manor of Northcory, granted to the said Richard for life by the dean and chapter. Witnesses: Master Gilbert de Schypton rector of Crych, John atte Sloo, Walter le Eyr, Walter Caucy, Walter de Hacch.

R.III. f. 222.

Gift by Richard Craddoc parson of Corymalet and Nicholas Mancel chaplain to Margery atte Sloo, of a burgage given to them

by Walter Portyfer in Newport in the parish of Northcory, to hold to the said Margery her heirs and assigns, with warranty. Witnesses: Peter de Yevelton, Walter de Bullesdon, Henry de Hacche, William Blake, John Abbe. Dated Northcory, 17 March 45 Edward III.

R.III. f. 222*d*.

Agreement indented, made on Tuesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1311, between John dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and William Hughet and Emma his daughter on the other, that whereas the said William and Emma had common of pasture upon the moors of the dean and chapter of Northcory, to wit Corymor, Boterlake and Stathmor, for all manner of cattle at all times of the year, they quitclaim such common upon 886 acres of the said moors which the dean and chapter shall enclose and hold in severalty, saving their common upon the residue unenclosed; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant and demise to the said William and Emma 4½ acres in their moor of Corymor, to hold of them freely for their lives, with liberty to enclose and hold the same in severalty, at a yearly rent of 2*s*. 3*d*. (namely 6*d*. an acre): moreover the said William and Emma grant that the dean and chapter may enclose and hold in severalty 20 acres of their moor in Stathmor at their choice, outside the portion assigned to the said William and Emma and to others. Dated Wells, Wednesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist the same year. Witnesses: Sir John de Bello Campo, Sir Henry de Urciaco, Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham knights, Nicholas de Moles, Philip de Columbariis, Matthew de Clyvedon, Henry de Urciaco, John de Burton, Walter de Lyf'.

R.III. f. 223.

Agreement indented, made on Tuesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist 1311, between John dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Robert de Ocham on the other, that whereas the said Robert had common of pasture upon the moors of the dean and chapter of Northcory, to wit Corymor, Boterlake and Stathmor, for all manner of cattle at all times of the year, the said Robert quitclaims such common upon 886 acres of the said moors which the dean and chapter shall enclose and hold in severalty by consent of the commoners, saving his common upon the residue unenclosed: in consideration whereof the dean and chapter grant to the said Robert 1 acre of moor in Corymor to hold of them for his life, with liberty to enclose and hold the same in severalty, at a yearly rent of 6*d*.: moreover the said Robert grants that the dean and chapter may enclose and hold in severalty 20 acres of their moor in Stathmor. Dated Wells, Wednesday after the Beheading of St. John Baptist aforesaid. Witnesses: Sir John de Bello Campo, Sir Henry de Urciaco, Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Gilbert de Bere, Sir Hugh de Popham knights, Nicholas de Moles, Philip de Columbariis, Matthew de Clyvedon, Henry de Urciaco, John de Burton, Walter de Lyf'.

R.III. f. 223.

Letters patent of king Henry [VI], being a pardon to the dean and chapter of Wells for all offences against the statute of liveries of cloth and hats to 7 December last, with general pardon. Tested at Westminster, 20 February 36 Henry [VI.]

R.III. f. 224.

Letters patent of King Henry [VI], being a licence in mortmain to John Storthwait clerk, John Codeford clerk and John Reynald clerk, to give to the dean and chapter three messuages, one toft, four gardens, 100 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 7 acres of wood, and 1*d*. rent in Stokecursy and Edeston county Somerset (extended at 50*s*. a year by inquisition before William Poulet the escheator, and held of others than the king), to hold as of the value of 4 marks, as part of 40 markates of lands or rents which, by letters patent of 22 November 2 Henry [VI], the dean and chapter had licence in mortmain, by advice and assent of the great council, to acquire of Nicholas then bishop of Bath and Wells or other persons or person, for the soul of the said bishop his parents and benefactors; and to the dean and chapter to take and hold the same. Tested by Humphrey duke of Gloucester guardian of England at Westminster, 20 May 8 Henry [VI]. For 20 marks paid in the hanaper.

R.III. f. 225. See Pat. 2 Hen. VI, *Cal.* p. 168.

Letters patent of King Edward [IV], being a licence in mortmain to the dean and chapter of Wells to acquire 40 librates of lands or rents, not held of the king in chief, from Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells or others for works of piety. Tested at Wycombe, 8 November 4 Edward [IV]. By writ of privy seal, with authority of parliament, and for 140*l*. paid in the hanaper.

R.III. f. 226. Pat. *Cal.* p. 369.

Letters patent of King Edward [IV], being a general pardon to Richard Swan clerk, provost of Wells, canon residentiary of the cathedral church, parson of Yevelton, executor of Thomas de Bekyngton late bishop of Bath and Wells and of Richard Praty late bishop of Chichester, to 30 September 11 Edward [IV]. Tested at Westminster, 17 March 12 Edward [IV].

R.III. ff. 226*d*., 227.

Letters patent of King Edward [IV], being a general pardon to Hugh Sugar clerk, John Pope clerk and Richard Swan clerk, the executors of Thomas de Bekyntona late bishop of Bath and Wells, to 15 April last (with exceptions, as above: f. 199*d*., p. 407). Tested at Westminster, 24 August 8 Edward [IV].

R.III. ff. 228-230.

Letters patent of King Edward [IV], being a general pardon to John Pope clerk, prebendary of St. Decuman in the cathedral of Wells and canon residentiary thereof, parson of Shyre, and executor of Thomas de Bekynton late bishop of Bath and Wells, to 30 September last. Tested at Westminster, 12 March 12 Edward [IV].

R.III. ff. 230-1.

Letters patent of King Richard II, tested at Westminster, 1 August 3 Richard II, being an *inspeximus* and exemplification of a record of proceedings in the King's Bench in Trinity term 1 Richard II (roll 21).

Somerset to wit. A jury of 24 knights etc. of the vicinage of Northcory come to convict of a false oath a jury of twelve, by whom inquisition was taken upon a plea of trespass before Robert Bealknap and others at Ivelchestre, between the dean and chapter of Wells plaintiffs, Henry Hacche of Northcory, Peter de Jevelton and others defendants, upon the plaint of the said Henry and Peter. Complainants appearing (by Thomas de Billesdon their attorney), the dean and chapter (by Stephen del Fall), John Knyght of Cheuton, Walter Fulbroke and Andrew Chilton three of the said jurors in person, (John Longh', John Beyvyn of Henton, John Peny, John Baily of Lopene, Robert Coker, Nicholas Trut, Robert Golde, Walter Milton and Robert Alford do not appear,) crave oyer of the record of the pleas at Bathe before the justices assigned for the purpose on Tuesday before the Beheading of St. John Baptist 50 Edward III, wherein it is stated that Henry Hacche, Peter Jevelton, Walter Walsshe, John Chaumbre, Richard son of Walter Lywere, William Mey chaplain, William Spencer, William atte Hele, Benet Frye and Richard Couk of Nyweport were attached to answer for entering by force of arms the free warren of the dean and chapter on Monday after Michaelmas 36 Edward III, with Hugh Caucy, Thomas Mylys, Thomas Tresawell, William Wodehele, Walter Weel, Roger Pound, Roger Noryce, Richard Templer, John Milleward, Walter Proute, John Dauwe, William Brusshford, John Styward of Kyngesbury, John Ernysshille, John Veel, Hugh Othery, Robert abbot of Athelneye, Richard Fynor, Roger late servant of William Blake, John Webber servant of Peter Jevelton, and John Skynner of Northcory the younger, for hunting therein without leave from the above date to Ascension day 50 Edward III, fishing in their several fishery, taking and carrying away goods to the value of 200*l.*, also hares, conies, pheasants and partridges, grazing and trampling corn and grass there growing to the value of 40*l.*; and on Monday after the close of Easter 47 Edward III, making a dike and walls upon the soil of the dean and chapter (600 perches in length and one in breadth) in a great pasture called Stathemore, between Corylode and Athelneye, whereby the flow of water was kept from its ancient course and flooded their land, to the loss of their profit from that date to 12 July last (the date of the writ) and the danger of their cattle, assaulting and beating their men and servants, namely Thomas Wylymot, William atte Wode, Richard Chaumbre the elder, Richard Chaumbre, the younger, Thomas Estmere, Thomas Carsbrok, Henry Gardyner hayward, Richard Mileward hayward, Thomas Mere, William Deye and Roger Deye on the date first mentioned, and threatening their men and servants and also John Anger, John Waryn, William Otecombe, Robert Samborne, Richard Carleton and John Stomton (*sic*) their bailiffs and ministers of Northcory so that they dared not hold the manor courts, namely at Michaelmas and Easter in several years, execute judgments

rendered at Easter 37 Edward III, namely to levy 6*s.* 8*d.* of Robert Bredare for breach of the assize of bread and ale, 5*s.* of Thomas Burgoyne, etc., nor collect other profits to their manor belonging, to the loss of 13 years' service; damages 2000*l.* Most of the defendants (some in person, others by John Janet their attorney) put themselves upon the country; but Henry Hacche and Peter Jevelton take exception to certain alleged contradictions in the writ, and crave judgment whether it must not be quashed: the court refuses to quash the whole writ, but rules against the plaintiffs on these clauses. The said Henry and Peter upon all points save hunting, fishing and grazing, and William Mey on all points, put themselves likewise upon the country: as to hunting (not admitting that the dean and chapter have any warren there) the said Henry and Peter severally say that each holds of the dean and chapter in the town of Northcory a messuage and one carucate of land by fealty for all services, and that they and their predecessors time out of mind have hunted freely by reason of their tenure upon all the lands and wastes of Northcory, and William Mey that he is the said Peter's servant and went with him at his orders; as to fishing likewise, that they and their predecessors have fished without let in every fishery of the said town as in their common fishery; and as to grazing, that they and their predecessors time out of mind have had common of pasture for all their cattle upon all the lands of the dean and chapter in Northcory (namely fallows at all times of the year, and sown lands from the time of reaping to that of sowing again) except certain fields called Barlicroft, Sandforlang, Milleforlang and Goldclyf held by them in severalty, and upon their meadows from hay time to the Purification, except Brodemede and Chirchmore which are held in severalty. Plaintiffs (not acknowledging defendants' tenure in the form above mentioned) say that King Richard [I] was seised of the manor of Northcory, and by charter (produced), dated Canterbury, 27 November 1 Richard [I], granted the said manor, with the advowson and hundred, to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Reginald bishop of Bath and their successors, to hold in almoin as freely as he held the same; that King Edward [I] by charter (produced), dated Winchester, 24 December 8 Edward [I], granted to Robert bishop of Bath and Wells and the dean and chapter free warren in all their demesne lands of Northcory, so that no man should enter to hunt without their leave under forfeiture of 10*l.*, which charter long before defendants' hunting was duly published at Northcory; and King Edward III, by charter (produced), dated Westminster, 11 December 37 Edward III, confirmed the charters of Richard I and Edward I: that the fishery above mentioned is upon their soil and is their several fishery wherein defendants have wrongfully fished, their nets have been taken by the ministers of the dean and chapter and retaken, sometimes they have fished by leave of the said ministers, sometimes by night in their absence, without that that defendants have had the common fishery alleged: that defendants have grazed as well upon the lands and meadows admittedly held in severalty as upon other the lands of the dean and chapter, without that that

they have had common as alleged, and crave that this be inquired by the country—and defendants likewise, saying further that the charter of free warren was not duly published. Order to the sheriff to summon a jury at Wells on Wednesday before the Beheading of St. John Baptist: adjourned on successive days to Strete by Glastonbury, Pontyngdon, and Jevelchestre, where on the Saturday the jury find that the charter of free warren was duly published, that the said Henry, Peter and William Mey hunted in the warren aforesaid, that the said fishery is the several fishery of the dean and chapter, and the said Henry and Peter fished therein by force of arms, took and carried away fish, etc., that they grazed and trampled grass as well upon Barlicroft, Sandforlang, Milleforlang, Goldclyf, Brodemede and Chirchemore as upon other places in the said town, without that that they and their predecessors had a common fishery or common of pasture in the places alleged; and further that the said Henry is guilty of all the trespasses in the writ contained whereon issue was joined, the said Peter likewise except beating and threats, Richard son of Walter, William Mey, William atte Hele, and Benedict Fry of all except threats, and Richard Couk of all except beating and threats: damages for hunting and taking game 40 marks, for fishing and taking fish 100 marks, for taking chattels (namely timber and brushwood) 10*l.*, for grazing and trampling corn and grass 10*l.*, for making a dike and walls 100 marks, for beating, wounding and threats 20*l*: Walter Walsshe, John Chaumbre and William Spencer not guilty: judgment accordingly.

The record having been read, the said Henry Hacche and Peter Jevelton say that the jury made a false oath, for that the charter of free warren was not published in due form, nor before the time of their hunting, likewise for that the fishery was their common fishery, and they and their predecessors had common of fishery therein time out of mind, likewise for that they and their predecessors always had common of pasture upon all the lands of the dean and chapter in the said town (except as above excepted) as belonging to their free tenement therein, and made no trespass upon the land excepted as they were charged with doing, likewise for that they were not guilty of taking timber and brushwood, nor of making a dike and walls, likewise in assessing excessive damages against them, and put themselves upon the jury of 24, and so do the dean and chapter and the three jurors appearing as aforesaid. Order to the sheriff not to omit because of the bishop's liberty to distrain the jury of 24, and to have their bodies before the king in the octave of Michaelmas, or before Robert Tresehan one of the justices of the King's Bench, and Henry Percehay one of the justices of the Common Pleas or one of them, should they first come to Jevelchestre. At which day before the king at Gloucester the said Henry Hacche and Peter de Jevelton come (by their said attorney), the dean and chapter (by John Bevyn), and Henry Percehay has sent the record of the jury of 24, wherein it is found that before the said justice and William Cogan knight came the dean and chapter (by John de Fitelton), the said three jurors in person, and the complainants (by John Bokerel),

and the jury of 24 said upon oath that the first jury made a good oath upon all the articles and all the damages. Judgment against complainants.

R.III. ff. 232-238.

Statute the first of the parliament held at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter 15 Edward III, confirming (*inter alia*) the ecclesiastical jurisdictions. (*French*).

R. III. ff. 238*d*.—240. See *Statutes of the Realm*, i. 295-6.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], being a grant to J. bishop of Bath and Wells and to the chapter of Wells of power to collect and retain 500 marks of the next aid or subsidy that shall be granted to the king by the prelates and clergy of the province of Canterbury or by the pope (if that be sufficient), and that John de Sandale the king's clerk and *locum tenens* of his treasurer, Robert Baignard knight, Anthony Pessaigne, John de Bureford, William Coumartyn, William Trent, William Seruat, William de Donecastre and John Vaune merchants shall then be quit of a bond in 500 marks by them given to the said bishop and chapter at the king's request by recognisance at the Exchequer on 17 July 8 Edward [II]; the bishop and chapter having retained nothing of a tenth afterwards granted by the clergy of the said province under the power granted them by a former patent, but having in the late parliament at Lincoln, like other prelates of the said province, consented that payment of their loan to the king should be deferred; or if the same be not sufficient, of so much as the bishop and chapter shall collect and take. Tested at Langele, 21 March 9 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 240. Pat. *Cal.* 158, 455: and *Parliamentary Writs.*

Charter (in Latin) of King Edward [the Confessor], headed:

'Þis is eallra þæra landa land boc þe mid rihte hyraþ in to þā biscoprice þe Eadveard cynge gebocode Sancto Andrea apostolo.

'In to þam biscop stole to Vyllan on ece yrfe':

whereby, being requested by Giso bishop of Wells (whom he had three years before sent to Rome, and received back furnished with an ordinance of Pope Nicholas) and by Eadgida his queen, to permit the gifts of his ancestors (some almost consumed by time) to be collected for security in a single charter (*in armariolo unius kartule*), he for ever establishes not only all that the bishop and his predecessors have obtained of the king or his predecessors or by purchase, but whatever the church under his rule is seen to possess. Signed with a cross by the said king, and sealed with his image, also by Eadgyda the queen, archbishop Stigand, archbishop Adred, bishop Hereman, bishop Leofric, bishop William, bishop Egelric, bishop Eilmer, bishop Leofwin, bishop Wulfwin, bishop Wadlere, bishop Wulfstan, abbot Egelnoð, abbot Leofweard, abbot Sewold, duke Harold, duke Tostig, duke Gyrð, duke Leofwine, duke Eadwine, duke Waldþeof, Robert, Esgar, Raulf, and Bundi *procur*', Wigod and Heardyng butlers, Winsi

cubicul', Brihtric, Elfstan and Elfgar *p.* (priests ?), Toug, Agelwi, Evorwacer and Eilwi, Egelmer, Egelfrid, Wikyng, Siweard, Nordman, Elfgeat and Osmund *m.* (thegns).

List of the possessions of the said church noted in several chirographs: in the territory of Wells (anciently called Tidingtun) and the villages thereto belonging are 50 hides, Paulesham, Woky, Hentun, Gyrdleg, Bleddenhyð and Eastun, Westbyrig, Wokyhole and Æbbevyrð, Burcotan, Middeltun and other Middeltun and æt þam, Pænne, Hornningdune and other Hornningdune, and Hwite circe, Denrenn, Dulticotan, Welsleg, Wuormestorr, Celicotan, Begenhangra, Wandestreow, Hlittun: in another called Ciw are 50, and these are villages thereto adjoining, Litletun, Hæsele, Dundreg, three Suðtunes: in another called Evorcric 20 hides, Preostle, Cesterbled, Strettun: in another called Cyncgesbyrig 38 hides, and these are its villages, Landbroc, Readewelle and æt þam Beorge and Lytlenige, Hiwisc, Cuma, Pibbesbyrig: Cerdren *& oder frusa* Cerdren: Cynemerstun, Langanham, Winesham, and Cungaresbyrig, also Banawell: in that called Welingtun is a possession of 15 homesteads (*cassati*), and these are their villages, Bocland, Hamme, Huntanapoð, Herpoðforð, Pinnocesmor, Ceolfestun: in another called Wyfelescumbe are 15 in these towns, Nunnetun, Upcotan, Hwitefeld, Hwidigcum, Acumetun, Langele, Forda, Peddesford, Fifhida and other Fifhyda, Dene, Slep, Hwrentimor: in that called Lidegeard are 15 homesteads (*cassati*), and these yards (*curticule*) adjoining thereto, Cuma, Peddenallras and the woodland, Æsce, Baggabeorc, Anacota, Hylle: in the place called Weddmor is a possession of 4 hides, and the villages thereto belonging are Biddesham (properly called Tarnuc), another called Heawycan, and Mercern: these all, with woods, fields, meadows, feedings, fisheries, mills are confirmed to the church aforesaid, or to the bishop. Written by bishop Giso at the king's command, 4 May 1065, in the royal town called Wendlesore. Seal of bishop Giso.

R.III. f. 241. *Cod. Dipl.* iv. 163, No. 816, where the witnesses are omitted, and there are some different readings.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], embodying the statute *Articuli cleri* of 9 Edward II. Tested at York, 24 November 10 Edward [II]. By the king and council.

R.III. ff. 242-244. See *Statutes of the Realm*, i. 171-4.

Memorandum that debate having arisen between John bishop of Bath and Wells on the one part and John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, touching the fruits of vacant churches in the diocese, (which the dean and chapter claimed by grant of John formerly bishop of Bath and Wells, and by possession time out of mind,) also touching the jurisdiction and the exercise thereof in the church of St. Andrew Wells, in all prebends and prebendal churches in the diocese except the prebend of Bartone, and in the farms and certain other places, and over the parishioners there dwelling (with a few exceptions), which they claimed to be exercised by the dean to the exclusion of the bishop, causes of

plaints and appeals excepted: by the mediation of friends the said bishop agreed that the dean and chapter and their successors may take the fruits of all vacant churches, as they and their predecessors used to do, and may exercise their said jurisdiction as they used to do (with the exceptions aforesaid); also that the archdeacons of Bath, Wells and Tanton may exercise their respective jurisdictions as they used to do, saving to the bishop his proventions in every archdeaconry, in civil manner, namely citing any man, and making corrections by his official at his sessions, unless the bishop think fit to make special examination at his passage through the diocese. Sealed by the bishop. Dated London, the New Temple, ix kal. August 1321. The above not to extend to vacant churches annexed to dignities.

R.III. f. 244*d.*: II. f. 48. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 191.

Letters patent of King Henry [IV] addressed to the guardians of his peace in county Somerset, the sheriff, and other officers, reciting a clause of the statute of 14 Edward [III] ('his grandfather') which forbade any person acting by commission under the king's seal great or small to take any goods of ecclesiastical persons, and upon the complaint of the clergy of the realm, ordering the said officers to enforce the statute against the purveyors of the king's household. Tested at Westminster, 7 October 7 Henry [IV]. By the king and council. (In margin, erroneously, Henry VI.)

R.III. f. 245.

Order of Robert bishop of Bath, that those who congregate at Wells for the fairs at three feasts in the year, namely the Invention of Holy Cross, St. Kalixtus and St. Andrew, shall do their business in the streets of the town, and not in the church or the porch thereof as heretofore: granting them quittance of toll on the said feast days and the vigils thereof. Witnesses: Ivo dean of Welles, Reginald the precentor, Robert and Thomas the archdeacons, Edward, Master Eustace, William de Sancta Fide, Ralph Martre, William de Atebera, Peter de Chiu, Walter the baker.

R.III. f. 245*d.* See Church, *Early History*, App. E. pp. 359-361.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Henry (Bowet, in margin) bishop of Bath and Wells of certain statutes of the church of Wells: one that the dean, precentor, archdeacon, chancellor and treasurer shall take double commons, and the rest of the canons single commons, upon condition that they are in residence: a second that, whereas certain canons used to stay one or two months, or even half a year, in the houses of other canons, and count that as residence, without supporting hospitality or the other charges of the church, a canon wishing to be held as resident shall keep a house of his own in the city. Dated the palace Wells, the Conversion of St. Paul 1404.

R.III. f. 246.

Charter (in Latin) of William [I] monarch of all Britain, granting, at the petition of bishop Giso, to St. Andrew the Apostle towards the demesne of the see and the maintenance of the brethren of the church of Wells, 30 hides (*mansus*) in Banawelle, which bishop Dodoco had conferred upon God but king Harold had taken away. Metes and bounds at Banavelle, Cumbtune, Hivisc, Heavican and Ceoddor mynster (in Saxon). Dated 1067. Signed and sealed by William king of the English, Queen Maud, archbishops Stigand and Aldræd, bishop Odo the king's brother, and many others named.

R.III. f. 246*d*. See Somerset Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. xxiii. 49.

Letters patent of king Edward [II], being a general protection for the dean and chapter of Wells, their men, lands and possessions. Tested at Porcestre, 14 September 18 Edward [II].

(Edward I, erroneously, in margin.)

R.III. f. 247*d*. Pat. *Cal.* p. 21.

Letters patent of king Henry [IV ?] exempting the clergy who used to pay the king tenths, and those who occupy chantries, from payment of the subsidy granted by the last parliament, payable to the treasurer of the king's wars. Tested at Westminster, 30 April 5 Henry [IV ?]. By the king and council.

(Henry VI, in margin.)

R.III. f. 248.

Testament of Hugh bishop of Lincoln, concerning his goods which should be restored to him in England. Debts 261 marks which the lord [bishop] of Bath knows of, to the pope Peter's pence unpaid of his bishopric, to the king 608 marks 8*s*. 1*d*. and any that may be due of Ludingeland. Bequests for his soul, 500 marks towards the fabric of his church, 500 marks to buy lands to increase the common fund thereof, 60 marks to the vicars there, 300 marks to divide among religious houses of the bishopric, 100 marks among lepers' houses, 100 marks among hospitals, 300 marks among churches he had held to buy books and ornaments, 30 marks to the house of Stanleg', 20 to that of Quarrei, 30 to that of Polestlou, 10 to that of Fernleg', 100 to that of Plinton ; for the soul of the relict of Geoffrey de Mand[eville] 20 marks, of (or to) Thomas de Mand[eville] 20 marks ; to William de Mand[eville] 40 marks, Richard de Argent' 3 marks, to a knight of Notingehamsire holding of the archbishop of York whose daughter G. Atyes would have for his son 40 marks, to Richard whose Hill' (*sic*) Robert de Mand[eville] had 30 marks, to William chaplain of Niweton formerly parson of Trent 10 marks, towards building a hospital or other alms for the soul of Jordan de Turry 300 marks, to the relict of Simon de Bugeden 20 marks, Christina relict of Hugh the smith and her daughter 3 marks, Maud Blunde of Well' 3 marks, Maud daughter of Christina Sudoure 3 marks, the lepers of Selewud 3 marks, the nuns of Berwe 10 marks, the house of Berliz 3 marks, the fabric of Bocland church 20 marks,

the house of Caninton 5 marks; towards building a hospital at Well' 500 marks, to Bath hospital 7½ marks, the lepers' house without Bath 3 marks, the lepers without Ivelcestre 3 marks, the nuns of Stodleg' in Oxenefordsire 7½ marks; to Maud de Berewich who was with G. Wac 7½ marks towards her marriage, the relict of Richard Foliot of Stoke 7½ marks, for the soul of Eva daughter of Algar de Well' 7½ marks, to Master John de Ebor' (unless beneficed by testator) 100 marks, to the daughters of William de Stratton 300 marks towards their marriage, to the girl (*puelle*) de Sancto Edwardo 150 marks towards her marriage, the boy de Evercriz 40 marks towards his exhibition, to poor kinsfolk 100 marks, John de Mertoc 60 marks, Herbert *de camera* 50 marks, Roger the marshal 30 marks, Richard the marshal 40 marks, Walensis the cook 30 marks, Richard *de camera* 10 marks, Matthew *de coquina* 3 marks, Geoffrey son of Peter 7½ marks, other grooms 5 marks, Geoffrey Ginemer (?) 2 marks, Alan le Hottere 2 marks, Roger the chaplain's man William 5 marks, William testator's writer 10 marks. When restitution is made him, all wrongfully taken during the interdict shall be restored to his knights and men. Bequests to the canons of Moreton 20 marks, of St. Barbara 20 marks, for the soul of Stephen parson of Dokemeref[eld's] son 7½ marks. Executors, the lord [bishop] of Bath and Master Helias de Derham; praying the lord [archbishop] of Canterbury and his brethren in exile to aid in fulfilling this testament. They shall divide the residue of that which should be restored and of his other goods and debts, for his soul, among the poor of the bishopric of Lincoln or elsewhere; and dispose of his books, clothes and apparel as they may think fit. Should the bishop of Bath first die, the said Helias and Master Reginald de Cestria executors, with the advice of the lords of Canterbury and Ely: if Helias die, the said bishop sole executor, with the advice of the archbishop. Further, to the fabric of Wells 300 marks, to increase the common fund of Wells, to the use of the vicars and canons, 300 marks, to be divided among the vicars 40 marks. Done at St. Martin de Garenn', St. Brice's day in the 3rd year of his episcopate, in presence of J. bishop of Bath, Master Helias de Derham, Master John de Ebor', Master Reginald de Cestria, Master William, Roger, and Helias chaplains, Peter de Cic', William de Ham'.

R.III. f. 248*d*. (For a will made 17 years later, see Giraldus Cambrensis, Rolls Series, vii. App. G, p. 223.)

Confirmation by M. de Chandos of a gift made with her assent by Silvanus to the church of St. Mary of Stoueia (Stoweia) in almoin at its dedication, to wit 2 acres of land, and 1½ acres in Betescumba which he afterwards gave: also of a gift made by Roger de Paris at the same dedication, to wit 1 acre of land in Bueli. Witnesses: Walter prior of Boclanda, Master Richard (*sic*) de Gilleford the archdeacon, Master R. de Lech[elade], Jocelin and Walter the bishop's chaplains, H. de Vinel, R. dean of Spachestun and of Modiford, R. Fichet, Philip de Horsi, H. de Gahiste, G. son of Walter.

R.III. f. 250.

Copy bull of Pope Boniface VIII, being a decree concerning the privileges and exempt jurisdiction of the abbey of St. Augustine Canterbury, dated the Lateran, xiiii kal. April 9 Pope Boniface VIII. Attested by Geoffrey Branctone clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, notary public.

R.III. f. 250. See *Cal. Papal Letters* i. 608; *Mon. Angl.* i. 130.

Inspeximus by W. bishop of Bath and Wells of a charter (not here quoted) of King John, and order that the men of the dean and canons [at Wells] shall be quit of toll in the bishop's manors, in accordance with the said charter. Dated Wells, ii id. July 1 bishop W.

R.III. f. 251*d*.

Writing indented, whereby Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells grants to William Vouell master of the city or borough of Wells, the burgesses thereof and their successors for ever, that they may have a head for a water conduit with reservoirs, vents and other engines above and below ground, for taking and leading a portion of the bishop's water springing within the precinct of his palace of Wells from a spring called Seynt Andrew welle, upon a spot appointed by the said bishop, whereon he has built such head at his own cost sufficient for lead pipes 12 inches in circumference, with dikes, trenches, ponds, cisterns, etc., as well within the said precinct as in the public streets of the city, and power to repair the same, break ground and lay pipes, etc., so that the water may flow as far as the high cross in the city market and other places as they shall think fit, making good all damages; provided that the first head and reservoir to take all the said bishop's water be round, of 10 feet diameter within the walls, built of stone, lime or other material at his cost, with one round cistern of lead 5 feet in depth and 4 feet in diameter, and pipes attached on either side of the reservoir or cistern at the cost of the city, half the water to be led towards the city, half to flow to and within divers parts of the palace, and the said head shall have one door and two keys, one to remain with the bishop, the other with the master and burgesses: provided also that when the moat surrounding the palace shall be scoured, all the water may be turned thither until the same be refilled: covenants that the head or reservoir shall be opened, inspected and cleansed every six months at least, and that the waste water shall flow into the bishop's great mill stream. For this benefit the master and burgesses grant that they and their successors shall once a year visit the place where the said bishop is buried in the church of St. Andrew to render prayers for his soul; and the said bishop (trusting in the mercy of God and the merits of the Virgin, St. Peter, St. Paul and St. Andrew his patrons) grants 40 days' indulgence for every such visit. Three parts, one to remain in the custody of the bishops, one in the archives of the dean and chapter, the third with the master and burgesses. Dated 20 September 1451.

Confirmed and sealed by Thomas Lacok prior of Bath and the convent 27 September; and by Nicholas Carent dean of Wells and the chapter 27 September, the same year.

R.III. ff. 251*d*.-253.

Sentence of . . . . . [judges] appointed by the papal see, annulling the deposition of Peter the clerk vicar of Jatton, and the institution of William a priest of Great Britain to that church, made by Master Thomas de Bedeford clerk of the diocese of Lincoln (by authority of the official of Canterbury) during the vacancy of the see of Bath and Wells, upon the complaint of the dean and chapter of Wells (who claimed that the institution to the said prebendal church belonged to them during such vacancy), after a hearing before certain canons of Salisbury learned in the law, their commissaries, and a confession by the said Master Thomas made; and condemning the said Master Thomas in 10*l*. costs.

R.III. f. 255. (The first part wanting, f. 254 having been cut out. Compare f. 110; above p. 365.)

Agreement for the sale of the land at Cume by Adzor þuredes son to Giso bishop of Sumorsetescyre, made at Viltune in presence of Edgyþe relict of King Edweard by licence of King Willelme, witnessed by Sæxi, Kyppincg and Brihtmær priests, Godric and Valdere deacons, Sumorlæte subdeacon, Herdincg, Vulfveard Hvite, Ægelsig stiveards, Alfvold burþen, Vitela, Alfvold, Brihtric Doddasunu, Brixi Ceolsigsunu, Godvine hos., Leofvine Godvinessunu, Agamund, Ælfric Lange, Ælfric Ælfheges son, þiederic goldsmið, Ægelsig goldsmið, Nordmann Johns son, Ægelric cook, and Rabel cook; and dated in Lent 6 William [I] Maud his wife and Robert æþeling, Landfranc being archbishop, in the year of the deaths of archbishop Stigand and bishop Leofric of Exacestre, *anno domini* 1070, 11 bishop Giso.

R.III. f. 255*d*. See Somerset Arch. and Nat. Hist. Soc. xxii. 106.

Inspeximus and confirmation by King Edward [III], dated Westminster, 11 December 37 Edward [III], of the following charters of the dean and chapter of Wells:—

A gift of King Richard [I] dated 27 November 1 Richard [I].

A grant of King John dated 26 November 9 John.

A grant of King Henry [III] dated 22 January 11 Henry [III].

Another dated 15 May 13 Henry [III].

A licence in mortmain of 22 January 35 Edward [I].

An *inspeximus*, dated 5 October 11 Edward [III], of an *inspeximus* by King Henry [III], dated 12 February 11 Henry [III], of a charter of King John, dated 10 September 7 John: also of a grant of King Edward [I] to bishop Robert, dated 24 December 8 Edward [I]; with further grant of a market and fair at Northcory.

An *inspeximus*, dated 12 October 13 Edward [III], of an *inspeximus*, dated 12 February 11 Henry [III], of a grant of King

John, dated 10 September 7 John ; with grant of a market and fair in lieu of the former grant.

A gift of the manor of Knappe, made by Walter de Cadamo to [dean] John de Godelee, dated 5 May 34 Edward I.

A quitclaim of the said manor made by [dean] John de Godelee to Hamelin his brother, dated 35 Edward [I].

A gift of the said manor made by Hamelin de Godelee to the dean and chapter, undated.

An attornment of the tenants of the said manor by the said Hamelin, dated 35 Edward [I].

A gift made by bishop Roger to the chapter of the custody of the deanery during any vacancy, made in May 1246.

An *inspeximus* and assent to the said gift by the prior and convent of Bath.

A gift made in November 1239 by bishop Joscelin at the dedication of the church.

R.III. ff. 256-258.

Inspeximus and confirmation, dated Westminster 5 December 30 Henry [VI], and exemplification, at the request of Master Thomas Boleyn and Sir John Trevenaunt clerks, of a gift to them made by Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells of a piece of ground in the city of Wells, 243 feet in length and 36 feet in breadth, one end abutting on the garden of the cathedral choristers, the other westward upon the tenement wherein David Taillour now dwells, lying between the cathedral churchyard on the north and the market place on the south (part whereof, 243 feet in length and 24 feet 8 inches in breadth, was within the precinct of the said churchyard, but is now by sufficient authority and for good causes appointed for profane uses) ; also of another void space or piece of ground by the door of the Guyldhalde 89 feet in length, the south end abutting on the said door, the north end upon the corner of the street between the said churchyard and the canon's house where Master Lewis Rede now dwells, in breadth at the Guyldhalle dore 37 feet and at the street corner 30 feet, and lying between the said churchyard on the east and Sadelerstrete on the west, (whereof a portion, 89 feet in length and in breadth 18 feet at the Guyldhalle dore and 23 feet 3 inches at the street corner, was within the churchyard, as aforesaid,) to hold of the chief lords ; and of power to enclose and build thereon, with warranty : witnessed by William Vouell master and Thomas Horewode bailiff of the said city, William Gascoigne, John Godewyn, Richard Dyere, William Cutte, John Water burgesses ; and dated Wells, 27 September 1451.

R.III. f. 259.

Bull of Pope Clement [III], addressed to R. Bishop of Bath, taking into his protection the church of Wells and all its possessions and those which may be lawfully acquired hereafter, and especially the churches of Scaudeford, Engestrigg', Aselberg', Bokeland, Arpetru, Pilton, Brent, of Co[m]pton and Brunfeld, Cudewide, Wittlokoc,* Timbrescumbe, Aulescumbe, Holecumb

and Lamai, Bort,† Chedre, and Lideford, the manor and church of Dokemeresf[eld], his right in the church of Waleton, the churches of Staweia, Warmenistre, Berwe, the manor and church of Northcory, with their appurtenances. Dated the Lateran, non. June 3 Pope Clement.

R.III. f. 260. **Sic*: White Lackington. † *Sic*: Bovey.

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV ?] addressed to the archdeacon of Gloucester, upon the petition of the bishop and chapters of Bath and Wells, being a mandate to visit with ecclesiastical censure those who invade their rights. Dated Lyons, xii kal. July 5 Pope Innocent.

R.III. f. 260*d*.

Bull of Pope Alexander [IV ?] confirming to the dean and chapter of Wells the churches of Piltona (granted by the abbey of Glastonbury for two prebends), of Subrentona (for one prebend), of Bokelanda (for one, by authority of the bishop and consent of Oliver de Dinam), of Haselberga (for one, by like authority and consent of William son of William de Haselberga), and a pension of 6 marks which the church of Breutona is bound to pay to Wells and Bath to find two candles, all acquired by bishop R.; and ratifying the dignities and customs of Salisbury which they hold by grant of the same bishop. Dated the Lateran, iiii non. March 2 Pope Alexander.

R.III. f. 260*d*.

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV ?] addressed to the dean of christianity and the archdeacons of Worcester and Gloucester, ordering them to hear the dean and chapter of Wells, according to their petition and appeal, in a cause between the abbey of Glastonbury and the bishop of Bath and Wells, wherein it is alleged that the abbey, by false suggestions of damage incurred by reason of a composition between them and the late bishop touching certain manors, have obtained a bull addressed to the abbot of Gloucester and his fellow judges against the said bishop. Dated Lyons, id. December 4 Pope Innocent.

R.III. f. 261. Adam de Domerham, i. 253. See above, p. 360.

Bull of Pope Gregory [X] addressed to the abbot of St. Augustine Bristol in the diocese of Worcester, ordering him to examine the allegations in a petition of the dean and chapter of Wells and the clergy of the city and diocese of Wells against the bishop of Rochester, for refusing to entertain their exception to a sum of money which they were ordered by the said bishop to pay towards an aid for the maintenance of certain nobles who said that they had been despoiled of their goods by the clergy of the realm, upon the mandate of O. cardinal deacon of St. Adrian (then papal legate), on the ground that the said bishop's jurisdiction had expired for that the said legate had departed from his legation.

R.III. f. 261*d*.

Bull of Pope Alexander [IV] addressed to the bishops of Worcester and London, ordering them to move the king to shew grace to the bishop of Bath and Wells, and not suffer him to be molested by his justices and bailiffs touching the patronage of the abbey of Glastonbury and certain fees, rights, liberties, etc., granted by King John to bishop Joscelin, a bull addressed to the king himself upon the petition of the said bishop having failed of its effect. Dated Viterbo, viii id. January 4 Pope Alexander.

R.III. f. 262. Adam de Domerham, i. 256.

Bull of Pope Innocent [III] addressed to S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, with indult to revoke without appeal certain acts done by his predecessor to the prejudice of his successors and the loss of the church, as the said bishop has signified in his presence. Dated the Lateran, kal. July 3 Pope Innocent.

R.III. f. 262*d*.

Bull of Pope Innocent [IV] addressed to the bishop of St. Davids, with indult to the bishop and chapters of Bath and Wells, wherein the number of parsons is fixed, not to admit anyone or assign a stall in the choir and a place in chapter unless there be a vacancy, without the pope's special mandate mentioning this indult. Dated Lyons, xv kal. July 5 Pope Innocent.

R.III. f. 262*d*. *Cal. Papal Letters*, i. 246.

Bull of Pope Boniface [VIII ?] addressed to the archdeacon of Oxford in the church of Lincoln, upon the information of the dean and chapter of Wells, ordering him to move all persons who are concealing and detaining lands, goods, etc. of the dean and chapter to make restitution, or otherwise to pronounce sentence of excommunication against such persons. Dated St. Peter's Rome, iii kal. March 5 Pope Boniface.

R.III. f. 263.

Bull of Pope Alexander [IV], dated Viterbo, v id. February 4 Pope Alexander, addressed to [William] bishop of Bath and Wells, being an exemplification of a bull of Pope Honorius [III], dated St. Peter's Rome, xvi kal. June 1218 (by Rayner vice-chancellor of Rome), addressed to the bishop of Bath, approving an accord made at Sestebyri in the octave of St. John Ev. before R[ichard] bishop of Salisbury and G. (*sic*) abbot of Radinges (deputy for P[andulf] bishop elect of Norwich, papal chamberlain and legate) by virtue of a bull or commission dated iiii id. June 2 Pope Honorius [III], between the said bishop of Bath and Wells and the prior and convent of Glastonbury, whereby the bishop retained of the portion assigned to him by Pope Innocent III the manors of Wynescumbe, Pukeleschirche, Blakeford and Cranemer (the monks releasing the suit of their hundred which Cranemer made), while the manors of Mere, Bokelande, Kynton, Cristemeleford, Badebyri and Aissebyri reverted to the said monks, with their appurtenances except the advowsons; as to knights' fees, the bishop was to hold those belonging to his share, and one knight's fee in Kamel-

arton, and the monks the rest, doing their service to the bishop, and he to the king: as to spiritualities, the parties submitted themselves wholly to the said commissaries, who awarded to the bishop the patronage of the monastery of Glastonbury (according to a charter of King John, which they inspected and exemplified), also the advowsons of Aissebyri, Cristemeleford, Kyngton and Bokelande (previously his), and that of Kamelarton, and full jurisdiction as diocesan in the said monastery; but granted to the monks the advowson of Mere (previously his own), and their ancient pensions of the churches of Pukelescherech, Wynescumbe and Kamelarton (whereof the advowsons were his): decreeing also that the union of the churches of Bath and Glastonbury should be dissolved.

R.III. ff. 263-265. Adam de Domerham, i. 259; and the bull of Honorius, i. 242 (with this reference), from which the names in [ ] are supplied.

Bull of Pope Alexander [IV], dated Viterbo v id. January 4 Pope Alexander, confirming the liberties conferred by a charter of King Henry [III] (here fully recited), dated Westminster 14 October 18 Henry [III], and witnessed by E. archbishop of Canterbury, R. bishop of Durham, H. bishop of Ely, W. bishop of Carlisle, Th. bishop of Norwich, H. bishop of Rochester, W. earl Warenne, G. Marescallus earl of Pembroke, H. de Burgo earl of Kent, H. de Bohun earl of Hereford, Ralph son of Nicholas, Godfrey de Craucumbe, John son of Philip, William de Pythefort (*sic*), Geoffrey de Cauc; being a grant in frank almoin to Joscelin bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors, that Robert abbot of Glastonbury and his successors should have throughout their lands toll and theam, infangenetheof and utfangenetheof: that they, their men and the men of their fees should be quit of passage, pontage, lestage, stallage, works of castles etc., enclosures, ploughings and other works, suits of shires and hundreds, mercies, murders, sheriffs' aids, escapes of thieves, oxen of seisin, pleas, plaints etc. to the king's sheriffs, constables and other his bailiffs belonging: that no sheriff, constable or other bailiff should have entry or power therein, but all should belong to the bishop except attachments of pleas of the crown, the said abbot, his lands and men answering to the bishop, and to none other save by his good will, as they would to the king or to his officers: power to the bishop to distrain, and confirmation of any such liberties he might have granted to the abbey: grant of the chattels of felons or fugitives of his lands or fees, or those of Glastonbury and Wells, of all amercements, fines for mercies, trespasses and licences to concord of the men of his lands and fees, the abbot and monks of Glastonbury, the dean and canons of Wells, the prior and monks of Bath, and the men of their lands and fees, with power of distraint: such liberties not to be impaired by non-user.

R.III. ff. 265-6. Adam de Domerham, i. 249.

Bull of Pope Alexander III, addressed to Rainaud bishop of Bath and his successors, confirming to the church of Bath all her possessions: the city of Bath with mint, toll, fairs on the feasts of St. Peter, hidage of 20 hides, pleas, etc., as freely as King

William [II] or King Henry [I] held the same, or as they were granted to bishop Jo[hn]; the manor of Calveston to be in the hundred of Bath, and the bishop's jurisdiction, as granted by King Henry [I], also the park and warren, the Barton, Hanton, Ford, Claferton and Lincumb with mills, etc., to the said city adjacent: the church of Wells with its prebends, and the manor with Wochi, and Westbery with its park, the fees of knights and franklins (*franchelanorum*) and lands of villeins: the church and manor of Chyu: the towns of Jatton, Banewell, Cumton with Radeclive port, and the share of the town of Axebrigg' belonging to Banewell: the church of Ceddre and two hides in that town: the church and manor of Everciz: the land of Merc, which is in Wedmore, granted by King Henry: the church, manor and hundred of Kingesbiry: the churches and manors of Cerda, Hiwis with fisheries, wood, etc., Walinton with Bochelanda: the churches and towns of Lidiard and Wivelescumbe with their hundreds and liberties, and Fifida likewise: the church and manor of Dochemerefeld with sac and soc, tol and theam, infangenetheof, and other liberties, granted by King Henry II, with houses at Winchester: the fee of Dinra granted by the same king, and quitclaimed (with Dochemerefeld) by Henry de Tilli: saltworks at Gatinton in the new forest, and two hides in Cherleton: two loaves of a certain quantity, two barrels of mead of a certain measure, and two kids or pigs yearly rendered by the monastery of Glastonbury from the time of St. Dunstan. Indult of power to remove the prior of his church [of Bath] for manifest cause, by counsel of the chapter or other men of religion, and the powers of his predecessors in monasteries of monks or nuns and regular churches of the bishopric: none to have a faculty to build a new church or oratory therein without the bishop's authority, saving by papal bull: power to sentence abbots, priors, etc., in case of disobedience and denial to patrons having the patronage only of conventual or parish churches of faculty to dispose the same without the bishop's authority: nor may the metropolitan (without special mandate from Rome) make any decree thereupon, or pronounce sentence against the bishop, save in an appeal, or as papal legate: also powers to censure abbots, priors, etc., failing without excuse to attend the bishop's synod, and to fix a reasonable time for appeals, with prohibition against the ministration without his leave of ecclesiastics who have taken orders of other bishops, power to expel or sentence monks, canons, clerks or laymen who have intruded without the bishop's authority upon churches belonging to their presentation upon the decease of the parsons, and confirmation of the bishop's rights of institution, ordination, etc., also over all the churches and parishioners of the bishopric. Sealed by Pope Alexander III, Hubald bishop of Hostia, Conrad bishop of Salzburg and Sabina, John cardinal priest of St. John and St. Paul entitled Pamachius, John cardinal priest of St. Anastasia, John cardinal priest of St. Mark, Theoduin cardinal priest of St. Vitalis entitled Vestina, Peter cardinal priest of St. Susanna, Peter cardinal priest of St. Grisogon, Cinthyirs [Cinthius] cardinal priest of St. Cecilia, Arduin cardinal priest of Holy Cross in Jerusalem, William archbishop of Rheims cardinal

of St. Sabina, James cardinal deacon of St. Mary in Cosmidyn, Ardicio cardinal deacon of St. Theodore, Laborans cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in porticu*, Rainer cardinal deacon of St. George *in Velabro*, Grauanus [Gratian] cardinal deacon of St. Cosmas and St. Damian, John cardinal deacon of St. Angelo, Matthew cardinal deacon of New St. Mary, Bernard cardinal deacon of St. Nicholas *in carcere Tulliano*. Dated the Lateran, by Albert cardinal priest and chancellor of Rome, x *kal. Madii* (*sic*) 1178.

(Marginal note: Herein are confirmed the bread, mead and kids or pigs from Glastonbury, reckoned against the morrow of Easter.)

R.III. ff. 266*d*.-268. Church, *Early History*, App. F, pp. 364-370. The salt works were at Keyhaven (Arnewood) in Hordle. See the chartulary of Bath Abbey, Somerset Record Soc. vii.

Bull of Pope Adrian IV, addressed to Robert bishop of Bath and his successors, being a protection for his church and the possessions thereof, namely the abbey of St. Peter Bath conferred by charter upon the bishopric of Sumerset by King William [II] and King Henry [I] his brother to transfer the see thither, with its adjuncts in the city, towns and customs whereof the abbey was seised at the accession of William [II]; Linconba, Sudstoca, Cumba, Pristona, Evesceia, Welmedona, Stantona, Corstuna, Essewica, Cameleia, Eluestona, Aistona, ten hides in Westona, Nordstoca, Cherlecumba, a hide and a half in Estona, Forda, Hamtona, Wudewica, the churches of Bathentona, Dunestorra, and Brige with their appurtenances, the city of Bath with all things to the farm thereof belonging as given to the said church by charter of King Henry, with pleas, laws, judgments and customs, market, toll and fairs on either feast of St. Peter, judgments of the whole hundred, and hidage of 20 hides; also Clafertona, four hides in Hestona, Dochemeresfelda, salt works in the new forest called Hernemuda, and 5 hides in Westona wherein is a church. Sealed by Pope Adrian IV, Hymarus bishop of Tusculum, Gregory bishop of Sabina, Manfred cardinal priest of St. Sauina (Sabina), Julius cardinal priest of St. Marcellus, Hubald cardinal priest of Holy Cross in Jerusalem, Octavian cardinal priest of St. Cecilia, Gerard cardinal priest of St. Stephen on the Celian hill, John cardinal priest of St. John and St. P[aul] entitled Pamachius, Henry cardinal priest of St. Nereus and St. Achilles, Odo cardinal deacon of St. George *in Velabro*, Rolf cardinal deacon of St. Lucy *in septa solis*, Guy cardinal deacon of St. Mary *in porticu*, Jacint cardinal deacon of St. Mary in Cosmydyn, Odo cardinal deacon of St. Nicholas *in carcere Tulliano*, Bonadies cardinal deacon of St. Angelo, Ardicio cardinal deacon of St. Theodore, Albert cardinal deacon of St. Adrian. Dated the Lateran, by Roland cardinal priest and chancellor of Rome, iiii id. May 1156.

R.III. f. 268*d*. Adam de Domerham, i. 289. (Compare the bull recorded in the chartulary of Bath Abbey, Somerset Record Soc. vii. 68-70, and notes there.) Evesceia, in Domesday Evestie, in the chartulary of Bath Geofanstige on the river Camelar, has not been identified.

Inspeximus and ratification, with warranty, by Robert de Gurnay, of a grant made by William son of John de Harpetre to Joscelin bishop of Bath of the church of Westharpetre.

R.III. f. 269*d.* : repeated f. 368. For the charter see f. 355 : below p. 478.

Surrender and livery of seisin by Richard Bruton chancellor of Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells of a messuage or manse in Torrelane by the Torreyate on the east side, reciting a gift lately made by the president and chapter (in the dean's absence) to Nicholas Danyel late chancellor and his successors, and to the dignity of the chancellorship for ever, of the aforesaid messuage, to the use of the master of the grammar schools and his successors to hold the said schools therein, in exchange for a house at the Mounterye wherein the same used to be held, the said chancellor having been compensated by another house sufficient for the said purpose. Witnesses : John Russell, Robert Honythorn, Peter Braynsford, William Taket, Stephen Webbe. Dated Wells, St. Lawrence' day 11 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 270*d.*

Indenture made between Master Richard Courtenay dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and Thomas Frome canon of Wells on the other, witnessing that the dean and chapter, by assent of Richard Bruton the chancellor and of the said Thomas, have appointed an outhouse situate in the Mountery, on the north side of the entrance and parcel of the messuage held for life of the dean and chapter by the said Thomas as a senior canon resident in the church of Wells, to the use of the schoolmaster for the time being in Wells, to hold the grammar schools therein ; and have discharged the said Thomas of the repairs thereof : that the schoolmaster shall pay yearly 12*d.* to the chapel of St. Mary in the said church, and may not make or have doors, openings or windows in the said house on the south side and the east ; and that the dean and chapter give to the said Thomas and his successors henceforth inhabiting the said messuage 6*s.* 8*d.* of their common goods payable by the communar every year on the morrow of the Circumcision to indemnify him in that behalf. Dated Wells, the morrow of St. Lawrence 11 Henry IV.

Consent under seal of Richard Bruton the chancellor : same date.

R.III. f. 271.

Indenture quadripartite, made at Wells on Monday after the Assumption 8 Henry IV, between Gilbert Ston', Robert Somerford and John Prentis clerks, and singular the vicars of St. Andrew Wells, and the perpetual chaplain founded therein by Ralph Erghum late bishop of Bath and Wells to celebrate a second daily morning mass at the altar of St. Edmund for ever and his successors on the one part, and the dean and chapter of Wells, Peter Loueput and Thomas Byngham mass chaplains and now ministers of the new inn built in the Mounterye by the said bishop's executors to the use of them and twelve other their fellows and their successors on the other, reciting a fine levied in the court of King

Richard II, whereby the said late bishop caused a messuage called Cristeshamesyn in the Heighstret Welles and 4 acres of land to be acquired of Nicholas Cristesham and Maud his wife by Robert Hulle of Spaxton steward of his lands, John Russell bailiff of his liberty, and John Podymor his donzel (heir of John Podymor hereafter mentioned), in trust for pious uses, for the souls of the bishop and his parents, of John duke of Lancaster and his children, Agnes Rabaas the said bishop's sister, Thomas Terry canon of Wells, John Podymor and Joan his wife and other his benefactors (after the death of Agnes and such others as were then yet living); and feoffment thereof to them afterwards made in order to fulfil such his intent: and witnessing that they, being thereof so seised in trust, by licence of the king and others concerned, give the said messuage and land to the dean and chapter towards their maintenance and certain works of piety hereinafter declared, that is to say, the said mass priests dwelling in the said inn shall occupy the said messuage and land in name of the dean and chapter, and take the rents and profits thereof, with power to make leases; and every Saturday after vespers they shall meet in their said inn, or in the church, and appoint one of their company by course, week after week, to celebrate mass as aforesaid at the altar of St. Edmund in the nave after the gospel of every high mass, who shall for every such seven masses take 9*d.* of the said rents at the end of the quarter; the ministers or receivers of such rents shall find bread, wine, lights and other necessaries for such masses, and pay yearly 20*s.* to the chaplain celebrating the second morning mass founded by the said late bishop at the said altar, and 4*d.* to every vicar and the said chaplain celebrating on his anniversary, and shall find two candles to burn over the said bishop's tomb during such celebration, and at the mass for the dead on the morrow thereof; for every default of the said ministers the communar shall deduct or otherwise levy 12*d.* of their stipend as forfeit to the use of the canons, and for every default of the celebrant 8*d.*; the said ministers shall pay every Sunday 1*d.* to the chaplain of the week in the church of St. Andrew in the procession making mention of the said bishop among the other benefactors, and shall retain any residue to the relief of contingencies: lastly the dean and chapter and the said mass priests grant power to those interested as aforesaid severally to distrain in default of payment. One part, sealed by the said Gilbert, Robert and John, to remain with the dean and chapter and the mass priests; one with the celebrant of the said morning mass, one with the vicars, one with the communar and chaplain of the week, these three sealed by the dean and chapter.

R.III. ff. 271*d.*-273.

Bull of Pope Clement [VI], dated Avignon iiii non. August 4 Pope Clement, upon the petition of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, reciting a bull, dated Avignon kal. May 18 Pope John XXII, (see *Cal. Papal Letters*, ii. 411,) addressed to John archbishop of Canterbury; a commission of the said archbishop to Master Wybert de Litleton canon of Wells, his chancellor, dated Paris,

ix kal. December 1334; a second commission to the precentor and subdean of Wells and Master John de Wamberge canon of Wells (upon the death of the said commissary), dated Lambeth, xii kal. June 1341; a report or certificate by Walter de Hulle subdean of Wells and John de Wamberge (two of the last mentioned commissaries) to the archbishop, of their inquisition and decree thereupon made, dated Wells, vi id. August the same year, and attested by Stephen Trippe notary public, in presence of John de Carleton and John de Horsyngton; a renewed commission of the archbishop to the said subdean and canon, for the furtherance of their said decree, dated Maghfeld iiii non. September 1341; a decree thereupon of the said commissaries, appropriating the church of Chiw to the table of the bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Wells 20 September 1341, made in presence of Master John de Carleton and Simon de Fareweye, reduced to writing and attested by the said notary (see R.II. ff. 73-4: below p. 549); and a notification and approval thereof by the archbishop, addressed to the parishioners of Chiw, dated Maghfeld, v id. November 1341; and confirming the appropriation thereby decreed.

R.III. ff. 273-277. *Cal. Papal Letters*, iii. 191.

Indenture of gift by John bishop of Bath and Wells, with the consent of the prior and chapter of Bath and of Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, to John de Godeleh dean of Wells and the chapter [of 10*l.* rent, in lieu of] a yearly pension of 10 marks of lands, rents etc. in the manor of Middelton anciently paid towards the maintenance of two chaplains celebrating daily for the souls of bishops William de Button the first and the second and of John de Button long since provost, but now withdrawn, together with 5 marks yearly of the revenues of the church of Berwe, payable by the archdeacon of Wells (to whom the said church is now appropriated) by the hands of the communar, to make 'of the said 10*l.*' three chantries of three chaplains celebrating daily in the said church: and ordinance concerning the aforesaid chantries, namely that two chaplains, vicars of Wells ministering in the priest's office, to be nominated on the morrow of Michaelmas every year by the said archdeacon, or in his absence by the dean or most worthy parson present, shall celebrate every day in the church of Wells, at the altar where they used to celebrate, for the said bishops and provost Button and all bishops and canons of Wells, and take thereof the accustomed stipend; also that a third chaplain shall celebrate every day, at an altar hereafter to be dedicated to the body and blood of Christ, and in the mean time at that of St. Mark, for Master Robert de Wambergh, the said bishop John, and dean Godlee, and for Emilena, Letitia, and other the faithful dead, in return for their benefactions and especially for the archdeacon's pains and costs in obtaining the appropriation of the church of Berwes to the archdeaconry (much impaired by the loss of Middelton), and the perpetuation of the first mentioned chantry: the said third chaplain shall not be a vicar, and shall be collated by the bishop; he shall take yearly of the 10*l.* aforesaid

5 marks for his stipend and maintenance, he shall celebrate every Sunday a mass of the Trinity, with the second collect '*Deus cujus misericordie non est numerus*,' the third '*Deus qui inter apostolicos sacerdotes*,' the fourth '*Quos domine pro tua pietate*,' every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday a mass of the dead, every Thursday a mass of the body and blood of Christ, every Friday a mass of the Holy Cross, and every Saturday a mass of the glorious Virgin, provided that the collects be said every day in the order above mentioned; the said secular chaplain shall every day (double feasts excepted) say *placebo* and *dirige* with commendation for the persons aforesaid, and be sworn so to do at his collation; he shall not absent himself without leave, and then for three days only save for some necessary cause, finding a substitute during such absence; he shall take no other service, and shall be removable by the dean and chapter. Dated Banewell, v id. September 1328.

Confirmed by Robert prior of Bath and the chapter *pridie id. Septemb.*; and by Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, 17 kal. October.

R.III. f. 278*d*. An evident omission by the copyist is supplied by reference to the instrument on ff. 165*d*.-167; above p. 393.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], being a pardon to the dean and chapter of Wells for acquiring certain rents in Welles, namely 7*s*. 4*d*. of Lucy Lundreys, 21*s*. of William de Westbury and Simon Cotyn, 24*s*. of William de Bourne, 10*s*. of Hugh de Lymington, and 13*s*. 4*d*. of William de Bathonia, without a licence in mortmain from the late king. Tested at Faxflete, 6 July 16 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 279*d*. Pat. *Cal*. p. 305.

Gift by Maurice de Gant to the church and canons regular of St. Augustine Bristol, for the souls of himself, his parents, his wives, etc., of the manor of Poulet with the appurtenances and liberties thereof, acquitting them of the king's and other services, his mills of Wer' with fisheries, watercourses, etc., as William de Sumerford held them of grantor (with proviso that the said William may hold of them one called the little mill for his life at a yearly rent of 40*s*.), his mills of Radewik likewise (with proviso that Alexander and John de Striguill may hold the same for their lives at a yearly rent of 14 marks), and 4 marks yearly to be taken in Bristol, namely 2 marks of the house which was of Robert Harding and held by David Warr', 1 mark of the house which was of Peter Warr' in Bradestrete, and 1 mark of the house which was of Richard the cordwainer *juxta pisam*, to hold of grantor and his heirs in frank almoin, answering only to God in prayers, to a hundred of Christ's poor, and to one chaplain to celebrate daily for ever in the almonry built by grantor: with warranty. Witnesses: Sir William son of John de Harpetre, Sir Robert de Gurnay, Jordan Warr', Robert de Berkelay canon of Wells, Gilbert de Schipton, Adam de Budiford, William de Hida, Reginald de Camm', Gilbert de Camm'.

R.III. f. 280.

Confirmation by Robert de Gurnay of a charter (whereof a copy attached) and gift of Maurice de Gant his late uncle, provided that R. bishop of Chichester the king's chancellor, J. bishop of Bath and W. bishop of Worcester provide security for the maintenance of a chaplain and for feeding one hundred poor daily of the issues of lands, rents and mills in the said charter named, or more if it may be. Witnesses: R. bishop of Durham, J. bishop of Bath, R. bishop of Chichester and chancellor, Sir H. de Burgo earl of Kent and justice of England, Anselm [bishop] elect of St. Davids, Sir Stephen de Segrave, Sir John Marescallus, Master Hugh son of Richard, Jordan la Ware, Gilbert de Sipton, John de Campo Florido, Henri de Veni, Elias de Stamford, Ralph Russell, Terry the clerk.

R.III. f. 280*d*. The charter is not here copied: no doubt it was the one last above entered.

Indenture made between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Master Richard Drayton canon and prebendary of Wiztlakyngton on the other, whereby the dean and chapter, in consideration of his gift and delivery of a sum of money, one chalice, manual and vestment, with other furniture for an altar of St. Edmund in the nave, to Hugh Morelonde and William Martyn mass priests of the church of St. Andrew and principals of their common hall and to the other mass priests, and of other gifts, by assent of the said principals and other priests, order that one of them, to be appointed every Saturday at vespers by the principals and their successors, shall daily during the week at the first peal of St. Mary's bell celebrate a mass of the Virgin Mary at the altar aforesaid for the said Master Richard, his parents and benefactors, and shall at the end of his course take 12*d*. for his pains of the rent arising yearly from their new tenement called the Crystyshamhyn in Wells by the high cross, which they have to the use of the said priests; in case of negligence etc. he shall lose for every default 8*d*. to be levied of his next commons or other commodities in the said church, whereof 4*d*. shall go to the use of the said priests in their common hall and other 4*d*. to the fabric of the church: the said priests shall repair, and if need be renew, the said furniture and ornaments. The dean and chapter bind all the tenements in the city and suburb of Wells which they have to the use of the said priests for the observance of the premisses, submitting themselves to the precentor, chancellor and subdean, with power of distraint for any default. Dated the chapter house Wells, 20 April 1414.

R.III. f. 280*d*., 281.

Memorandum of an accord made between the dean and chapter of Wells and the treasurer of Wells on Tuesday after the Nativity of St. Mary, touching the oblations of the chapel of St. Mary in the cloister of the great church; namely that the treasurer shall take all oblations made on the feast of the Purification, from the first stroke of matins until compline be said of second vespers, and oblations on other days shall remain with the said chapel and

the chaplains ministering therein. Sealed by the bishop and the chapter. Dated Wells, kal. September 1269.

R.III. f. 282.

Memorandum of a sentence pronounced on Monday after St. Scolastica 1277 in the great church of Wells, by the official of the bishop of Bath and Wells, in a suit of Nicholas son of Nicholas the treasurer of Wells against Sir Guy de Scheuyndon rector of Weston by Worle for 100*lb.* of wax, arrears of a yearly pension of 100*lb.* of wax which he was bound to pay by ordinance of bishop Joscelin, upon the confession of the said rector, who craved a term for payment thereof, condemning him in the said pension and arrears, and fixing terms for payment.

R.III. f. 282. (Weston has been altered by a later hand to Worspring, but see the ordinance of Bishop Joscelin, R.I. f. 214*d.*. above p. 253.)

Gift by William Slauyne of Cote to the church of All Saints Mertok, and to Hugh rector thereof and his successors, of 80 feet in length of his land and 42 feet in breadth on the east side of the barton of the said Hugh, in consideration of 20*s.*, with warranty. Witnesses : Robert de Parys steward of Sir Engeran de Feynnes, Roger Eustace of Mudeslegh, Hugh de la Lane of Ivelchestre, William Hugelin, Walter le Messager, Simon the clerk, Martin de Wynescumbe, Alan bailiff of the prior of Otritona. Dated Mertok, viii id. April 1262.

R.III. f. 282*d.*

Indenture witnessing an agreement for the defeasance of a bond in 100*l.*, given by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Master William de Lutleton the precentor and Sir Thomas Husebonde otherwise Marcel chaplain and the heirs or assigns of the said precentor, for payment of 4*l.* a year at Wells for 25 years, upon condition that they shall pay to Sir Thomas Husebonde 5 marks a year to celebrate a chantry to be established for 25 years in the church of Wells for the soul of Master John Marcel (elsewhere Martel) late canon of Wells, or to other chaplains to be set in his place by the precentor, his heirs and assigns, or by the dean ; and that the dean and chapter are bound to pay all damages and costs sustained by the precentor or chaplain by delay of payment, and triple penalty if sued before a judge, with provision for filling a vacancy. Dated Wells, 18 January 1346.

R.III. f. 283.

Licence by Thomas Stanle dean of Wells and the chapter to Walter Wyncaulton canon of Wells, to erect an altar at his cost before the image of Holy Cross on the north side of the high belfry in the church of Wells. Dated the chapter house, 6 September 1406.

R.III. f. 283*d.*

Inspeximus and assent, dated viii kal. April 1300 *intrante*, by Thomas prior of Bath and the chapter, to a writing in three parts made by Walter dean of Wells and the chapter, giving to William de

Welyngton canon of Wells 10*l.* a year of their common goods in their manor of Northcory towards a yearly service for him to be performed in the church of Wells for ever, in consideration of benefits by him freely conferred upon his mother church, and especially of 40 marks given towards 'the fabric of the chapter and of the said church,' according to his appointment; namely that 10 marks shall be paid quarterly to two chaplains (not vicars) for their maintenance, and they shall celebrate daily, saying the full service for the dead for his soul and his benefactors, at an altar by the entry of the church below the belfry on the north side, also 4*s.* towards the maintenance of the light, ornaments, bread and wine, and 20*s.* towards an anniversary of the said William for ever on the day of his obit, to be divided among the canons and vicars present, 3 marks to buy bread for the poor, 2*s.* to the communar for his pains, and 8*d.* to the sacrist for sounding the gong: the said William in his life time appointed Sir William de Ludelawe and Walter de Wedmore chaplains, to be removed by the chapter for insufficiency, bad conduct or default, and a substitute appointed by the dean, for security whereof the dean and chapter submit themselves and their goods of Northcory to the bishop to enforce observance, and the bishop in his visitations shall make inquisition and provision for the service and distribution aforesaid: one part to remain with the bishop, one in the treasury of Wells, the third with the executors and heirs of the said William: dated in chapter, x kal. April 1299.

R.III. f. 284.

Letters patent of King Edward [II], addressed to all persons holding ecclesiastical dignity or office, being a prohibition of all acts touching the treasury of Wells, whereby the possession thereof by Master Jordan Moraunt the king's clerk (collated by the king) might be troubled. Tested at Raygate, 1 June 3 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 285. Pat. *Cal.* p. 229.

Return by the dean of Axbrygge, dated Estbrent iiii id. November the same year, to a mandate of the official of the archdeacon of Wells, dated xv kal. November 1349 and received kal. November, addressed to the said dean, the rectors of Uphulle, Kyustoke and Worle, on behalf of Master Richard de Thormerton treasurer of Wells, directing them or any of them to admonish Sir John rector of Weston to pay 50*lb.* of wax, the arrears for St. Andrew's term of a yearly payment of 100*lb.* due from his said church, or to compel him so to do by sentence of suspension and excommunication, and by sequestration; stating that he has been unable to admonish the said Sir John, after diligently seeking his corporal presence, but has sequestrated the fruits in his barn, namely wheat, barley and beans valued at 2 marks.

R.III. f. 285. (Weston has again been altered to Worspring by a later hand.)

Faculty granted by Jordan Morandi treasurer of Wells to the dean and chancellor and to Master Hugh de Pencryth canon of Wells, to take an account of the executors of the subtreasurer

lately deceased of goods in his custody to the treasury belonging, and to appoint a subtreasurer (not perpetual, but removable at the will of the treasurer), taking security for the faithful performance of his duties. Dated London, 24 October 1311.

R.III. f. 285*d*.

Indenture between Master John Marcel (elsewhere Martel) canon of Wells and Master William de Luttelton precentor, Master Simon de Bristollia chancellor, Master Richard de Thystelden treasurer, Michael de Eston succentor, and Geoffrey de Cheltheheth canon of Wells, witnessing that on xvii kal. February 1341 the said John has deposited [100*l*.] in the treasury of Wells in their custody, for a perpetual chantry of 5 marks yearly to be performed for himself, his parents and benefactors, in the church of Wells at the altar of St. Katherine and other virgins where the body of John de Drokesford bishop of Bath and Wells lies, for which sum they are to him bound, with condition that the dean and chapter shall give diligence before Michaelmas to acquire an inheritance whereof such chantry may henceforth be found, and from this day a chaplain by him presented shall celebrate until Michaelmas, the dean and chapter finding vestments, a chalice, missal, ornaments, bread, wine and light, and thereafter the said John shall find a chalice, a missal, three pairs of vestments, three towels, bread, wine, and light, or 40*d*. as the celebrant shall choose: the said John shall present to any vacancy during his life, and after his decease the dean shall collate, or in default the chapter, or the bishop; and the dean and chapter shall find new vestments when necessary: failing such acquisition before Michaelmas, the said precentor, etc., shall deliver again the sum of 100*l*. to the said John. Dated Wells, the day above mentioned.

R.III. f. 286.

Defeasance of a bond in 100*l*. given to John Marcel (Martel) canon of Wells by Master William de Lutelton precentor, Master Simon de Bristollia chancellor, Master Richard de Thystelden treasurer of Wells, Michael de Eston succentor and Geoffrey de Chelcheheth canon of Wells, upon condition that the dean and chapter found a chantry for him, according to the terms of an indenture between the parties and within a term thereby limited, or else the money be returned to him. Dated Wells, xvii kal. February 1341.

R.III. f. 287.

Ratification by Thomas prior of Glastonbury of the gift of the church of Weston made by Joscelin their bishop to St. Peter of Bath and the prior and convent there.

R.III. f. 287. (Weston has again been altered to Worspring by a later hand.)

Notification by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells that the parish church of Mertok in his diocese is annexed to the treasurership of Wells, and forms the *corpus* of the said treasurership; that

Master Richard de Thystelden now treasurer has the same so annexed; and that the treasurer for the time being shall present to the vicarage upon any vacancy, so that no other is rector of the said church, or of any portion thereof. Dated Evercrych, iiii non. August 1344.

R.III. f. 287.

Gift by Ralph called abbot of Mont St. Michel *de periculo maris* and the convent to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, of the advowson of Mertok; quitclaim of all benefit or pension which they received of the same; and ratification of the disposition he has thereof made. Done 1226.

R.III. f. 287*d*.

Lease by Walter de London dean of Wells and the chapter to Master William de Luttelton and Walter de Coumptone, of a messuage, 27 acres of land and 2½ acres of meadow at Wokyhole, formerly held of them by Roger de Milton, to hold for their lives at a yearly rent of 16*s*., with power to reenter for arrears or waste. Dated Wells, Saturday before the Conversion of St. Paul 7 (*sic*) Edward III.

R.III. f. 288.

Inspeximus and confirmation by William bishop of Bath and Wells of a charter of Richard de Bamfeld canon of Wells founding a chantry, (for which *see* R.I. f. 87: R.III. f. 125: above, p. 107). Dated Wells, ii kal. October 1269.

R.III. f. 288.

Charter (in Latin with Saxon heading) of King Eadred, giving to Edmund his thegn (*ministro meo*) three hides of land (*mansas agelluli*) in a place called 'aet Hanecan Hamme' ('æt Vest Hacanan, Hamme and æd Glind lea' in heading), to hold for life and to leave to whom he will, free of all secular incumbrance (*mundiali obstaculo*) except common labour, military service, and building of bridge or castle. Metes and bounds (in Saxon). Done 947. Sealed by King Eadred, and witnessed by Eadgifu his mother, Oda archbishop of Dover and others named.

R.III. f. 288*d*. *Cod Dipl.* ii. p. 275, No. 416: Birch, *Cartularium Saxonicum* ii. 586, Nos. 821, 822. The place is there identified as Hanham co. Gloucester, the heading being disregarded.

Charter (in Latin with Saxon heading) of Eadgar king of all Britain giving to Ælfric his thegn (*ministro*) a portion of land namely one hide (except half a perch) in a place called aet Monovyrþige (Monavyrþige), to hold for life and leave to whom he will, free of all service save military service and repair of bridge and castle. Metes and bounds (in Saxon). Dated 963. Sealed by Eadgar king of the English, and witnessed by archbishops Dunstan and Oscytel, and others named.

R.III. f. 289. *Cod. Dipl.* vi. p. 57, No. 1244. Birch, *Cart. Sax.* iii. 351, No. 1116.

Charter (in Latin with Saxon heading) of Eadred king of the English and ruler of the other nations within a circuit, giving to Burhelm his thegn six hides of land (*mansas agelluli*) in a place called Svinford, free of all incumbrance save castle, bridge and military service. Metes and bounds (in Saxon). Witnessed by archbishops Oda and Oscetel, and others named.

R.III. f. 289*d*. Birch, *Cart. Sax.* iii. 223, No. 1023.

Charter (in Latin) of Eadveard king of the Angul Saxons, giving to Asser bishop of the church of Scireburn and to that household three towns, that is Veolingtun (land of six dwellers), Bocland (land of five dwellers), and Lidgeard (land of twelve dwellers), by reason of an exchange of the monastery called in Saxon Plymentun. Signed by King Eadveard, bishop Asser, and others named. Metes and bounds (in Saxon) of Bocland and Velingtune, also of Lidgerd.

R.III. f. 290. *Cod. Dipl.* v. p. 156, No. 1083 : Birch, *Cart. Sax.* ii. 268, No. 610.

Faculty granted by Reginald de Legh treasurer of Wells and John vicar of Mertok to Peter de Faucunberge their parishioner and his heirs and their household, to erect a chapel in his manor of Midelton, because of his distance from the church and the floods between, and to have a chaplain there to celebrate ; such chaplain at his first coming to swear fealty to the treasurer and vicar, to keep harmless the church of Mertok, and to admit none of the parishioners to sacraments save when unable to reach the mother church owing to the floods or other impediment, especially at the four solemn feasts ; reserving to themselves power of suspension if the said chaplain shall accept oblations or obventions of the parishioners, or commit any other offence. Confirmation under seal of Thomas dean of Wells and the chapter. Dated Wells, in full chapter, ix kal. May 1287.

R.III. f. 290*d*.

Bond of Geoffrey de Brudeport to the dean and chapter of Wells in 100*s*. yearly payable of his land of Kerchel, towards the maintenance of two priests vicars of Wells celebrating for the soul of Dame Agatha de Meysy and her ancestors in the chapel of St. Mary on the south side of the great church, with power to distrain upon his said lands for default ; such priests to be presented every year or upon a vacancy by the said Geoffrey and his heirs, and admitted by the dean and chapter. Witnesses : Sir Henry de Bratton, Sir John de Alra, Sir Geoffrey de Laurton, Alan de Wauton, Ralph de Godmanneston, William de (*sic*) Buttiller, Philip de Button, Hugh de Cranemere, Richard Norris, Richard Hundr'. Dated 1250.

R.III. f. 291.

Gift by William le Nywman of Luvinthon to St. Andrew and the church of Luvinthon, of a croft called the Medhaya and one cow, to hold of the grantor and his heirs, with proviso that

Adam the tailor and Constance his wife (daughter of the grantor) and their heirs shall hold the said croft and the said cow of the said church at a yearly rent of 12*d.*, or wax of that value towards the light of the high altar of that church, with warranty both to the said church and to the said tenants. Witnesses: Richard the hunter, William Daniell, Philip Hospinell, William Busun, Alward de Luvinthon.

R.III. f. 291*d.*

Agreement upon oath, made in the octave of St. Martin 1251 between Dame Agatha de Meisy and Geoffrey Bridiport, that the said Geoffrey, his heirs or assigns, tenants of the manor of Kerchel in the county of Dorset, shall render yearly to the said lady for her gift of the said manor 20*l.* payable quarterly, and shall also pay yearly 100*s.* to two chaplains celebrating for her in the great church of Wells, according to a charter by the said Geoffrey made to the chapter of Wells, with power to the said lady or her assignee to distrain for default; but the said lady shall make good any loss incurred for defect of warranty. Witnesses: Henry treasurer of Wells, Peter prior of the hospital of Wells, Matthew de Burnham, Philip de Butthon, Richard de London, Adam de Kerchull, Randolph the baker.

R.III. f. 292.

Mandate of the official of the archdeacon of Wells to the dean of Ivelcestre and the vicar of Mertok, to admonish and compel by sentence of suspension and excommunication certain persons upon a schedule named (against whom for the crime of sacrilege before him acknowledged the said official has decreed a penance, to be scourged thrice around the market of Montacute naked except their breeches, and thrice around the parish church of Mertok) to render to [Richard] de Thormerton treasurer of Wells the corn and money in the said schedule set down. Dated Wells, viii id. December 1349.

John Thornhulle, 3*d.*

Thomas Growe, scourging, 2 bushels of wheat and 2 bushels of beans.

Henry Takun, scourging and 40*d.*

Hugh Bon, scourging and 18*d.*

R.III. f. 292*d.*

Indenture of agreement, dated Michaelmas 1273, between Nicholas son of Nicholas treasurer of Wells and rector of Mertok and William Slauin of Cotes, for the lease to farm of half a virgate of arable land, one acre of meadow and half a perch of pasture in the town of Esse, containing 29½ acres of arable land, whereof 19½ acres lie in the field towards Ivelcestre, 5½ acres in the field above the town of Esse, and 4½ acres in the field towards Tyntenhille, the half perch of pasture between the pasture of the men of Esse and the prior of Montacute's meadow at Tyntenhulle, and the acre of meadow in the middle field of Esse, to hold so long as the said Nicholas shall be rector, if the said William so long live, for 10*s.*

to be paid yearly at Mertok to the said Nicholas or his servant, [a clause erased, relating, as the margin shews, to Peter's pence,] in consideration of 10*s*. in hand paid, with warranty. Witnesses: Master John de Apperleghe, Robert de Sancto Claro, William Hugelin, Simon the clerk, Philip de la Hulle.

R.III. f. 293.

Submission by Richard de Cluttun vicar of Wells, warden of St. Mary's chapel in the cloister of the great church and defender of the rights of the same by the dean and chapter appointed, to the award of the bishop and the subdean, touching an oblation of wax and of money for wax in the said chapel, long in dispute between the treasurer of Wells and the wardens of the said chapel. Seals of the dean and chapter and of the said warden. Dated Wells, iiii kal. August 1260.

R.III. f. 293.

Submission by Andrew de Wynton clerk, proctor of the prior and convent of Merton, to the ordinance of Joscelin bishop of Bath, touching tithes and other things which the priory used to take in the parish of Mertok, provided the prior and convent of Bath do likewise. Witnesses: Master Robert, Crespin, Adam the priest, Walter and Richard de Sorham clerks, Simon de Tithefeld. Dated the morrow of St. Peter and St. Paul 1242.

R.III. f. 293*d*.

Mandate of W. bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells, to stay proceedings before them in a cause between Richard de Clutton vicar of Wells and N. treasurer of Wells touching the despoiling of the said vicar, the said treasurer having appealed upon the ground that they thought fit to inform 'the said E.' in fact his adversary, contrary to justice and to his prejudice; and to cite the parties to appear before the bishop or his official in the cathedral on Wednesday after St. Peter and St. Paul. Dated Dogmeresfeld, xv kal. July 1269.

R.III. f. 293*d*. ('The said E.' is apparently Edward, then dean.)

Receipt given by John de Godlee dean of Wells to Richard Bake the subtreasurer, for eight rings of gold to make a jewel for the use of the said church. Dated Wells, Monday after the Nativity of St. Mary 1307.

R.III. f. 293*d*.

Ratification by Thomas prior of Glastonbury and the convent of a gift made by Joscelin their bishop to St. Peter Bath and the prior and monks there of a benefice of 10 marks of the church of Chiw.

R.III. f. 294.

Letter of attorney by Walter Portifer to John Abbeie to give seisin of a burgage and appurtenances in Northcory to Richard Craddok and Nicholas Mancel. Dated Northcory, 3 August 44 Edward III.

R.III. f. 294.

Mandate by Walter de Hulle, rector of Shepton Bellicampi and commissary general of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, to Sir Henry de Insula vicar of Congresbury, to pronounce sentence of excommunication with bell, candle and cross during mass, upon such days as he shall be by the dean and chapter of Wells required, against Hugh de Lodewell, Thomas Gene, Stephen de Wordenhulle, John de Rischworth, John Byrd, William Chaundos, Thomas Wyneman, Walter Bele, Richard Bele and Gilbert Averay, who acknowledged that they were bound to the dean and chapter for spiritual causes in 100 marks, and were accordingly condemned in that sum, but have failed to pay the same without reasonable cause. Dated Wells, 31 August 1330.

R.III. f. 294. (See f. 304*d.*, where for Bele is read Gele.)

Proceedings in the chapter of Axebrugge on Tuesday the morrow of the Translation of St. Thomas M., July 1243. The king having presented Sir Peter Sarac[enus] to the church of Cungresbury (alleged to be void), whereas there ought to be inquisition thereupon in the said chapter, H. subdean of Wells (in the name of the chapter of Wells) said that the church was not void, but had been conferred to the increase of the common fund of Wells, producing evidences, and shewing that the dean and chapter previously, by W. de Brug', J. de Keinesham and J. de Cerd vicars of Wells, before R. official of W. archdeacon of Wells at Bren, appealed and renewed their appeals against the said presentation and the institution of the said Peter or any other, the church not being void; against the archdeacon and his official, not to admit the said Peter or any other, or commit to any the custody of the church, seeing that appellant has the better right; against the archdeacon similarly, seeing that he is sworn of the chapter, if he would avoid perjury; adding that, whereas the former appeal was for their right, this appeal is for their right and possession, wherefrom they were ousted by force, therefore that no attempt be made to their prejudice until the right and possession has been determined. Master Eymeric also appeared for the king and not for the person presented, and shewed cause against the allegations of the dean and chapter. Inquisition was thereupon made touching the church of Cungresbury; and the chapter said that they could not tell whether the church was void or no, seeing that the dean and chapter produced a charter of bishop J. touching the collation thereof which is in dispute, for that the king had made presentation, and the dean and chapter claim the right and possession thereof: that it is not a pensionary church, and the value is 40 marks: that the person presented is of good testimony: and that the subdean of Wells has appealed for the right and possession aforesaid. No proctor appearing for the dean and chapter, adjourned by consent to the morrow at Wells. On which day the parties appeared, and the dean and chapter ratified and renewed their appeal, as above. (See also R.I. f. 64*d.*: above, p. 73). Further adjournment to the morrow, by consent of the parties, in hope of an accord; but the said P[eter] craving institution, the dean and chapter renewed their appeals, proffering

obedience to any competent judge who would determine their right and possession ; whereupon the archdeacon proposed to set a day for the hearing : but the other side objected to him, by reason of his oath to the chapter, and professed inability to proceed without counsel of the king or of the lord [archbishop] of York his vicegerent in England. Whereupon the archdeacon offered to name commissaries if the parties would consent : but the other side again refused.

R.III. ff. 294*d.*, 295. (Imperfect: breaking off at foot of page. It seems that one or more leaves are here wanting, though the pagination is unbroken.)

Names of the bishops in Somerset, from bishop Daniel *a.d.* 704, to bishop Harewell [1367].

R.III. f. 296. The earlier portion of this list is printed by Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* (London 1691) i. 553. The latter portion, from bishop Dudocus, he has omitted, no doubt as agreeing generally with the account which follows, where the facts are more fully stated. In the text the years of bishop Robert of Lewes are 31 ; bishop Joscelin dedicated the church of Bath ; bishop Ralph de Salopia built a new manse for the choristers, gave them a yearly rent of 10 marks payable by the vicar of Chyw, and 5 marks payable by the same vicar for his obit, also to the church of Wells vestments, here enumerated.

A history of the see of Wells, from its foundation by King Edward the Elder in 905, to the accession of bishop Bubwith [1408].

R.III. ff. 296*d.*-302. *Anglia Sacra*, i. 554-571 ; with some variations ; Wharton's text being taken from Cotton MS. Vitellius E. V, and imperfectly collated with this MS. See his preface, p. xxxviii.

Bull of Pope Nicholas [V], reciting the statute or ordinance of Pope Boniface [IX] concerning the payment and oath to be made by every canon on commencing residence (see the bull of Pope Boniface, f. 164*d.* : above, p. 392), and that of such payment 10 marks have been assigned to the fabric, 10 marks to the vicars, and the residue to the canons residentiary, for the charges of hospitality, litigation and repairs, but that the canons non-resident (often holding the better prebends) bear no part in such charges, and allege that the said payments should go wholly to the fabric and not to the residentiaries ; confirming the said statute of Pope Boniface, and ordering that the said payments shall be applied as aforesaid, notwithstanding the constitutions, and the statutes or customs of Wells. Dated St. Peter's, *pridie kal. Maii* 1453.
(Much defaced.)

R.III. f. 302.

Attornment of Thomas de Sudbury dean of Wells and the chapter and college (tenants heretofore of Sir William de Mountagu earl of Salisbury in his manor of Burnham county Somerset, who held the same to him and his heirs of the gift and feoffment of Sir Thomas de Graundson knight) to Nicholas de Carreu the elder, Nicholas his son, and William son of John de Carreu knight, and the heirs of the said Nicholas the elder, to whom the said manor has been given by charter of Dame Margaret late the wife of Thomas de Graundson, and was to her given by writing under

seal of the said earl and by fine. Witnesses: Sir John Tryvet knight, Robert de Orchard, Thomas Knoiel, John Rogus, John Tomer. Dated Wells, 20 May 7 Richard II. (*French*).

R.III. f. 303.

Agreement indented by the president and chapter of Wells, at the instance of Master Nicholas Carent the dean, that whereas within the deanery manors the dean may not demise to any tenant or tenants his lands called overlond otherwise demenelond beyond the term of his office, nor add the same or any parcel thereof to any tenant for the bettering of his tenement save during his said term, the now dean and his successors may henceforth at their will parcel out, grant, demise and add the said lands to their tenants, and the lands so granted shall be held for ever according to the custom of the deanery, and not severed from the said tenements save by assent of the tenants; and the said tenants may buy the said lands and unite them with their tenements for the bettering thereof. Three parts, one to remain in the cathedral archives, a second with the dean, the third in the manor of Wedmore. Dated Wells, the chapter house, 19 August 1452. (In margin: Licence of the chapter to add lands of overlond to lands of old aster within the deanery of Wells.)

R.III. f. 303.

Indenture of lease made at Wells on Sunday after Michaelmas 9 Henry VI, between John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part, and Master Henry Abendon canon of Wells on the other, granting to the said Henry and his successors dwelling in the canon's houses wherein he now dwells one toft with curtilage adjoining, which the said Henry now and heretofore held, containing in breadth 30 feet by the Mountrye lane, at a rent of 5*s*. payable yearly on the 14 November to the escheator of Wells. Dated the chapter house Wells.

R.III. f. 303*d*.

Proxy of William de Button rector of Cungresbury, addressed to W. bishop of Bath and Wells and to the dean and chapter of Wells, in favour of John de Button canon of Wells and Robert de Braundon clerk, in the matter of an ordinance newly to be made touching his said church. Seal of the archdeacon of Exeter and the said rector. Dated Par[is], iiii id. April 1252.

R.III. f. 304.

Inspeximus and assent by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent to letters of William bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Wells, xvii kal. May 1259 (not here copied).

R.III. f. 304*d*. (The document was the appropriation of the church of Congresbury to the dean and chapter. See Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 224.)

Inspeximus and assent, dated xiiii kal. September 1246, by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent, to a charter of Roger

bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Staweye in the parish of Chyu, id. August 1246.

R.III. f. 304*d*. (For the charter in question see ff. 3*d*.-6; above pp. 306-8.)

Bond upon oath of Hugh de Lodewell, Thomas Gene, Stephen de Wordenhulle, John de Rischwerth, John Byerd, William Chaundos, Thomas Wyneman, Walter Gele, Richard Gele and Gilbert Averay to John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter in 66*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. for all manner of corn, as well of the demesne as of tithe in the grange and barton of Cungresbiry rectory, to them sold and delivered, to be paid at Wells by instalments on certain dates. Dated Wells, 7 December 3 Edward III.

R.III. f. 304*d*. (See f. 294, where for Gele is read Bele.)

Indenture made at Wells, on Sunday after the Nativity of the Virgin 26 Edward III, between the dean and chapter of Wells and John de Hywysch canon of Wells and farmer of the canons' grange on the one part, and John son and heir of John de Wike of Milton by Welles on the other, reciting a suit by the said canon at the assizes at Lamport on Monday after St. James against the said John son of John de Wike upon a writ of novel disseisin for his free tenement in Welles, namely for a rent of 10 *minæ* of good and clean wheat which defendant and his predecessors used to pay time out of mind, and defendant and his heirs are bound to pay at the canons' grange every year at Martinmas, for their fees formerly of Sir Philip de Milton, as well at Estone as there and at Milton Denebaud, and witnessing an accord between the parties, namely that defendant granted, for him and his heirs, that if such rent be in arrear, the dean and chapter and the said farmer and their successors may distrain upon the fee of Milton Militis, Eston and Milton Denebaud until thereof contented. Common seal of the dean and chapter, and seal of the said canon on one part: on the other seal of John son of John de Wike, and (because that is little known) common seal of the borough of Wells. Witnesses: William de Lutelton precentor, William de Cammel subdean, Master John de Wambergh, Master Stephen de Hulle canons, Walter de Rodeneye, John de Palton knights, John de Langelond, John Ryche, Robert Weyfer.

R.III. f. 305.

Proxy given by John prior of the cathedral church of Bath and the convent or chapter to the said prior and Sir William Birdde one of the monks, to act for them in all causes. Dated the chapter house Bath, 29 April 1493.

R.III. f. 305*d*.

Foundation of a chantry, to be called the chantry of the Holy Saviour, the Blessed Virgin and all the elect of God, at the altar of Holy Cross on the north side of Wells cathedral. Gift by John Storthwayt chancellor and canon of Wells (with consent of Theobald Gorges knight the patron and Sir Thomas Haynes

priest the rector) to Sir John Riche chaplain (first presented by the founder) and to his successors, of 10 marks a year for life for his stipend out of a yearly pension of 10*l.* of the parish church of Wroxhale (by the grantor obtained by licence and authority of Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells, with the express consent of the dean and chapter of Wells, the prior and convent or chapter of Bath, and the archdeacon of Bath), to found a chantry, and masses for the said bishop, patron, founder and rector, John Roland late canon of Wells, and for his and the founder's parents and benefactors; ordering that the founder shall present to any vacancy during his life, and after his decease the chapter, or for lapse the dean or president: that none but honest and fit persons shall be appointed: that the chaplain shall every day say mass at the said altar, the other canonical hours and the offices of the dead there or elsewhere according to the ordinal, but vespers every Sunday and feast day in a surplice by the said altar: he shall in the said masses, offices and prayers make mention of the persons above named: the day of the founder's death shall be noted by the chaplain and by the communar of Wells, and every year an anniversary shall be thereon kept, with *placebo*, *dirige*, mass of requiem, and the prayers in the missal appointed, and on the previous day *placebo* and *dirige*, also with the distribution hereinafter mentioned: the chaplain shall take no other duty or benefice: the daily mass shall be said immediately after the mass of the cross there: the year shall be divided into four quarters, and the chaplain's stipend shall be paid monthly by the founder during his life, and afterwards by the communar, 11*s.* 1*d.* at every month's end, and the residue at the end of the year: the chaplain shall keep, mend, wash and repair the ornaments and vestments presented by the founder, and shall make an inventory upon first taking office by indenture, whereof one part shall remain with the communar: he may not be absent from Wells more than 20 days in a year, and shall during such absence provide a substitute: if disabled by infirmity or other reasonable cause, he may still hold the chantry, but shall be content with 6 marks a year, the other 4 marks being applied for the mass: during a vacancy the communar shall have the custody of all ornaments and other property, he shall induct the new chaplain, and deliver to him all such goods by indenture as aforesaid, shall (after the founder's death) be receiver of the aforesaid 10*l.*, shall provide for the mass during a vacancy, and shall see that the chaplain observes these orders: the chaplain, if absent more than 20 days, if he shall not celebrate mass or make an inventory, or shall pledge, waste or alienate the ornaments or fail to keep them in good order, if he be convicted of any grave offence or otherwise appear unfit, shall be summarily removed by the president of the chapter, and punished for less grave offences and defaults: he must ask leave of absence of the founder during his life, afterwards of the dean or president: he shall at his institution swear obedience to the dean and chapter, and to observe these orders: the residue of the said pension shall after the founder's death be apportioned by the communar as follows:

to the dean and chapter every Michaelmas for their indemnification 3*s.* 4*d.*, likewise to the archdeacon of Bath 12*d.*, to the communar for his pains 10*s.*, for an obit on the founder's anniversary 20*s.*, to the sacrist for ringing and the gongs 12*d.*, for money to be deposited in the treasury to provide for the needs of the chantry 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the clerk who shall serve the chaplain 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, for division among the poor, especially the bedridden, at every anniversary 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the bearer of the money to pay the said pension 6*d.* (2*s.* a year), to the chaplain for a light 2*s.* 8*d.* a year, for washing towels and cloths 8*d.* a year, for two candles to burn over the founder's tomb at his obit 20*d.*, the residue thereof to be burnt at the said masses on great feast days, for oil for a lamp to burn daily before the said altar while high mass is said at the high altar, and at vespers on Sundays and feast days, and while mass is said at the altar of the chantry 4*s.* 4*d* : the chaplain to be present in the choir at the founder's obit on the dean's side, wearing a vicar's habit, and take a vicar's share : power reserved to the founder to amend or vary these orders during his life. Three parts sealed by the bishop, the dean and chapter, the founder, and Sir John Riche, one to remain with the dean and chapter in their treasury, another with the founder and communar, the third with the said chaplain and his successors : the communar shall be overseer of all the premisses, and proctor to sue if necessary for payment of the said pension. Dated Wells, 14 November 1451.

Confirmation by bishop Thomas, dated his palace Wells, 18 November 1451 ; and by Nicholas Carent dean of Wells and the chapter (upon condition that the pension be duly paid, and not otherwise) dated 24 October 1452.

R.III. ff. 306-310.

Inspeximus, dated Wyvelescombe iiii kal. February 1331, by Simon archbishop of Canterbury in his visitation, of letters of archbishop John his predecessor, dated Mortelak xvi kal. November 1281, among the muniments of the dean and chapter of Wells (see the visitation of archbishop Peckham, R.I. f. 111*d.*—113 : above pp. 149, 150) ; and confirmation of the liberties and immunities of the dean and chapter, their prebends, dignities, rights and free customs in the manors, lands, churches and possessions there mentioned, with decree that they may for ever peacefully hold the church of Stokgommere with the chapel of Bikenalre given them by bishop William de Button the first, appropriated to them by bishop William de Button the second, and confirmed by the chapter of Bath ; also the church of Burnham appropriated to them by bishop Walter, and confirmed by the chapter of Bath, after the date of his predecessor's visitation.

R.III. f. 310.

Grant and undertaking, in three parts, by John abbot of Muchelney and the convent to Nicholas Bubbewyth late bishop of Bath and Wells deceased and to John Juyn knight, John Stourton the elder, John Storthwayt and John Reynold his executors, (in recompense for their gift of a sum of money to the abbey in

relief of its debts, and of a suit of vestments, namely one chasuble, two tunicles and three copes of black bawdekyn, with orfreys of red cloth, and furniture,) that one monk, a priest of the said convent, shall celebrate mass daily (except on the day of preparation) with the collect *Deus qui inter apostolicos sacerdotes famulum tuum* at the altar of All Saints on the north side of their choir, and once a week mass of requiem, and that every day at such mass there shall be a ringing with three peals of a certain bell in their belfry between the eighth and ninth hour, and before such mass he shall say the Lord's prayer and the angelic salutation : that such monk shall every year be paid 26*s*. 8*d*. by the abbot and his successors : that they will find all necessaries for such mass, bread, wine, book, chalice, vestments, lights, palls and ornaments, repair and maintain the altar, and in the weekly distribution of the said money there shall be no respect of persons, but every monk priest in turn shall take an equal share : that the celebrant for the ensuing week shall be chosen every Saturday and written on the boards, subject to a pain of 12*d*. payable to the abbot for every mass withdrawn : that an anniversary of the said bishop's obit shall be kept on the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude, with *placebo* and *dirige*, and mass of requiem on the morrow, and ringing of bells ; and in case of any default the abbey shall be bound to pay to the archdeacon of Wells 6*d*. for a mass and 13*s*. 4*d*. for an obit, or for a year's masses 26*s*. 8*d*. to the dean and chapter towards the maintenance of the choristers and markers (*tabularii*) secured upon their manor of Westcamell. A copy hereof to be written on a panel and set up in a conspicuous place upon or near the front of the said altar, and renewed when necessary, on pain of 20*s*. to the archdeacon : one part to remain with the dean and chapter of Wells, one with the archdeacon, the third with the abbot and his successors. Dated the chapter house, the Nativity of St. John Baptist 11 Henry VI.

R.III. ff. 310*d*.-312.

Decree or monition of John Cossam prior of Bruton (appointed with the abbot of St. Augustine Bristol and the dean of Salisbury, by bull of Pope John XXIII dated Bologna xviii kal. September 1 Pope John, judge and preserver of the lands, rights and spiritualities of the dean and chapter, papal indults and the constitutions of Pope Boniface VIII notwithstanding, upon the petition of the said dean and chapter and complaint that they are troubled by divers prelates, lords and laymen, and that recourse to Rome is difficult,) to all those occupying or detaining property or rights of the dean and chapter, to deliver up the same and cease troubling them within six days ; inhibition against any hindrance or interference with their jurisdiction by the archbishop or his official, the dean of arches, commissaries, or other officers of the court of Canterbury, on pain of interdict, suspension and excommunication; and order to all abbots, priors, deans, archdeacons, precentors and chancellors within the province (upon request of the dean and chapter) to publish or cause to be published this process and monition, and to cite before them any who dispute the same, reserving power of absolution to himself and his said

colleagues. Dated in the prior's principal chamber at Northbruham by Bruton, 20 October 1411, in presence of William Bargh and Thomas Blaneford donzels literate of the dioceses of Wells and Salisbury, and Thomas Sergeaunt of the diocese of Wells. Attested by William Brett clerk of the diocese of Salisbury notary public and secretary of the said prior.

R.III. ff. 312-316.

(NOTE: ff. 312-335 are mounted on guards, and several made up of pieces pasted together.)

Appropriation by John bishop of Salisbury, with consent of the dean and chapter of Salisbury, to the dean and chapter of Wells, of the church of Buckland (Bokeland) Abbas in his diocese, upon the decease or cession of John Axebrigge now rector, towards the maintenance of three priests to celebrate masses for ever in the cathedral of Wells for Nicholas Bubbewyth late bishop of Bath and Wells (therein buried), who has given them the advowson of the said church which was of his patronage as bishop, and towards other charges and works of piety, saving a vicarage therein competently endowed of old time, paying of the revenues the yearly stipends of the chaplains aforesaid, namely 100*s.* each, and 4 marks a year among poor parishioners of Bokeland, according to the appointment of the said late bishop's executors, and to indemnify the church of Salisbury yearly pensions of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the bishop, 6*s.* 8*d.* to the dean and chapter, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the archdeacon of Dorset, saving also the jurisdiction and rights of the bishop, and the dignity of the church of Salisbury. Copy letters patent of the king, tested at Westminster, 26 November 2 Henry VI, being a licence in mortmain, granted by advice and assent of the great council, for 50*l.* paid in the hanaper, to bishop Nicholas to give the said advowson to the dean and chapter of Wells, and to the dean and chapter to take the advowson, and to appropriate and hold the said church. Copy gift of Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells of the said advowson, dated Woky, 16 October 3 Henry VI, and witnessed by Sir William Palton, Sir Thomas Beauchamp, Sir Thomas Stowell knights, John Warre, Thomas Arthur, Philip Hampton, John Palton. The appropriation dated at the bishop's manor of Remmysbury, the last day of February 1424: attested by John de Okeborne clerk of the diocese of Salisbury notary public, registrar and secretary of the said bishop John, and witnessed by Master John Symondesburgh, Master Alexander Sparowe canons of Salisbury, and William Hynde rector of Bredstret Wylton.

Consent of the dean and chapter of Salisbury, dated 1 May 1424 (*sic*).

R.III. ff. 316*d.*-319*d.* For the patent, see *Cal.* p. 168.

Gift by William de Wellyngton canon of Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells of 10*s.* yearly rent, payable at the Purification by the grantor, his heirs or assigns, of houses situated at the corner of the churchyard of St. Andrew Wells towards the Hokerston (which houses are pensionary to the said dean and chapter), to be

divided in the choir of the said church by the communar on the anniversary of Roger de Cruk late provost there, with warranty. In case of fire, ruin or other impediment, the grantor and his heirs will rebuild the houses, or pay the said rents of their lands and tenements elsewhere. For this gift the executors of the said Roger have paid 20 marks. Seals of the grantor and of the chapter. Witnesses: Master Philip de Stanton precentor of Wells, Master Ralph de Wykeham archdeacon of Bath, John de Wymburn canon of Wells, Sir Philip de Wyk' knight, John de Garcelade, Richard the baker, William de Legh.

R.III. f. 319*d*.

Quitclaim indented, by Idoigne late the wife of Hugh de Beauchamp knight, lady of Lillesdon, to the dean and chapter of Welles and their successors, of all right to common with her beasts, as appurtenant to her free tenement of Lillesdon, upon a piece of moor called Botirlake. Witnesses: Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Ralph de Middelney, John atte Sloo, Walter Caucy, Thomas Knapp. Dated Northcory, Thursday after the Purification 20 Edward III. (*French.*)

R.III. f. 320.

Grant indented by Nicholas Carent dean of Wells and the chapter, that Henry called de Anglia late bishop of Winchester and cardinal priest of St. Eusebius in the church of Rome shall be a participator in all prayers, spiritual sacrifices and works of piety in their church, and that they will every year celebrate the anniversary of his obit on 11 April, with mass of requiem etc. on the previous day, unless it fall on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday in holy week, on Easter day or the Sunday after Easter, in which case it shall be celebrated on the second Tuesday after Easter; and that special mention of him shall be made every Sunday when prayers for benefactors living and dead are publicly said at the time of the solemn procession in the nave, and in masses for benefactors; in recompense for the special liberality to their church shewn by John archbishop of York and cardinal priest of St. Balbina, Edmund duke of So[merset] and marquis of Dorset and others the said cardinal's executors in the distribution of goods committed to their charge, by conferring thereupon certain jewels of silver gilt, namely one image of the Lord's resurrection standing upon a base of green enamel, with a beryl on the breast to put the Lord's body in, weighing 95 ounces troy, and two basins of chased work of vine leaves (*de foliis columbinarum*) weighing 188 ounces troy, also a sum of 148*l*. Three parts, one to remain at the disposal of the said executors, one in the archives of the bishop of Winchester, the third in the archives of the dean and chapter. Dated under their common seal, the chapter house Wells, 24 April 1448.

R.III. f. 320.

Indenture made at Cheweton under Menedepe in the county of Somerset, 7 March 3 Henry V, between John prior of the conventual

church of the house of Jesus Christ of Bedlem at Shene of the Carthusian order and the convent on the one part and the dean and chapter of Wells on the other, witnessing that the priory has demised and to farm let to the dean and chapter and to their successors the rectory of Cheweton, with tithes, oblations, proventions, suits of court, rents, services, fines, amercements, heriots, mortuaries and profits, the advowson of the vicarage excepted, from Michaelmas last for 10 years at a yearly rent of 45*l.* payable in the cathedral of St. Paul London to them or to the chamberlain of St. Paul at Christmas and Easter (the first payment to be at Christmas 1416), over and above a yearly pension of 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* due to the dean and chapter, with power to distrain for arrears; the dean and chapter bearing all charges ordinary and extraordinary, except tenths, subsidies and tallages granted by the clergy to the king, whereof they shall be discharged upon notice to the prior or to the subprior of Witham, or otherwise shall be entitled to deduct the same from their rent; the priory shall at once erect buildings needful for husbandry, and the dean and chapter shall keep those and all other buildings in repair: power to the priory to enter twice a year and survey the same, taking easement therein 4 or 5 days at their own expense; and to reenter if the rent be 6 weeks in arrear: acquittances not made in the church of St. Paul aforesaid to be of no effect. Defeasance by the prior and convent of a bond in 100*l.* given by the dean and chapter, provided they keep all the covenants hereinbefore written. Grant by the dean and chapter that the priory may resume possession before the expiration of the said term, upon giving 6 months' notice in the church of St. Andrew Wells, paying there 10 marks, and surrendering their part of this indenture and the said bond, saving the said pension to the dean and chapter, and saving also their easements in the rectory grange from Michaelmas to Pentecost at the end of the last year of the said term.

R.III. ff. 321-2.

Demise indented by John bishop of Bath and Wells to William Baroun esquire of his manor of Bysshoppescompton in the county of Berks, with the hundred thereto annexed, to hold for life without impediment (*sic*) of waste, at a yearly rent of 8 marks payable at Easter and Michaelmas, and to the king what is due to him for the said hundred if it be worth as much from year to year, the bishop bearing all other charges temporal and spiritual: power to distrain for arrears, and warranty. Dated the palace Wells, 1 April 5 Henry VI.

Confirmation by John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 8 April; and by William Southebroke prior of Bath and the chapter or convent, dated 9 April 1427.

R.III. f. 322*d.*

Confirmation by decree of John bishop of Bath and Wells, dated London, 12 February 1438, of a composition concerning the vicarage of Yevel (long ago instituted by bishops William and Ralph, but since in dispute between the vicars and rectors, owing

to divers changes of cultivation within the parish to the vicar's detriment as they have alleged) by indenture made between the abbess and convent of the Holy Saviour, the Virgin Mary and St. Bridget of Syon of the order of St. Augustine called the Holy Saviour in the diocese of London (to whom the church of Yevel is appropriated) on the one part, and Sir Richard Stone vicar of Yevel on the other, whereby the abbess and convent are to take the tithes of sheaves and hay in fields, gardens and closes, of mills, and of flax growing in yards or gardens, and the principal mortuaries of all dying within the parish; the vicar's portion to consist in the altarage of the said church and of the chapel of Preston Plucknette, the tithe of hemp in Yevel and Preston Plucknette, and of flax not growing in yards or gardens, in the second legacies commonly called mortuaries of men dying in tenements or burgages within the parish other than the rector's tenants who are not burgesses, in all small tithes of the parish (except those arising from the towns or hamlets of Berwyk and Stoford, which the chaplain of Berwyk takes in right of his chapel, and those of the demesne lands of Bermondeshey abbey in the towns of Preston Bermondeshey and Stone, for which the abbey pays a yearly pension of 22*s.* 6*d.* to the rector); he shall also have two houses in Quedam strete which the rector formerly purchased for the vicar's dwelling: as to charges, the vicar shall maintain the lights in the chancel, shall serve or cause the church to be served by fit ministers, and find a chaplain to serve the chapel of Preston Pluckenette, celebrating there three days a week, as the rector used to do; he shall take upon him the charge of rural dean in his turn when chosen, shall pay the king his tenth, when granted, in his due proportion, and procurations to the bishop at his visitation and to the archdeacon of Wells, and for the provender of the horses of the archdeacon's official and registrar at the general chapter held at Yevel about Michaelmas every year, also Martin's gift and Easter rent: the abbess and convent shall repair and maintain the chancel, and other charges ordinary and extraordinary shall be borne by them and the rector proportionately.

R.III. f. 323*d.*

Acknowledgment by John le Markaunt burgess of Wells (true lord of a messuage, garden and dovecote in Welles on the east side of Newe strete, between a tenement now of Richard atte More on the north and a tenement now of Master Walter de Hulle subdean of Wells on the south) that the premises aforesaid are for ever charged with a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* payable to the dean and chapter of Wells every year on 31 January, which rent William de Pulton canon of Wells and formerly lord of the premises, before the statute of mortmain, bequeathed to them by will for his obit in the church of Wells, and they after his decease long time peacefully took before and after the said statute, but Walter de Middelton burgess of Wells (late lord thereof) ceased to pay in the 13th year of Edward III; and bond for payment of the same, with power to distrain for arrears. Seal of the said John, and of

the bishop's exchequer. Dated Wells, 1 April 14 Edward III. Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, Thomas le Saltere, Hugh de Somerton, Walter de Cumpton, Thomas de Testwode, Richard de Harpetre, Robert de Lovyngton.

R.III. f. 324*d*.

Grant by John le Merkaunt that the dean and chapter may henceforth peacefully enjoy a rent to them bequeathed, before the statute of mortmain, by canon William de Pulton, of his messuage, garden and dovecote in Newe strete Wells; for better declaration whereof he has on the day of the date of these presents paid them 13*s*. 4*d*. in name of such rent, willing that they may distrain for arrears. Seal of the said John, and of the borough of Wells. Dated Wells, 1 April 14 Edward III. Witnesses: Richard le Eyr, etc., (as in the last instrument).

R.III. f. 325.

Bond indented of Joan North abbess of Syon of the order of St. Augustine called the Holy Saviour in the diocese of London, in a yearly pension of 20*s*. to be paid to the dean and chapter of Wells and to their successors, or to the chapter during the absence of the dean or the vacancy of the deanery, on the Nativity of St. John Baptist, to indemnify them for the loss of two thirds of the fruits of the parish church of Yevel due to them during a vacancy, the said church having been to the said abbey appropriated in aid and part of their endowment by Martin V now pope, saving the vicar's portion therein; securing the said pension upon their goods in the parish of Yevel or within the diocese of Bath and Wells. Dated the monastery of Syon, 4 January 1427.

R.III. f. 325*d*.

Indenture made at Wellis in the county of Somerset, 2 October 13 Edward IV, between John Gunthorpp dean of Wells and the chapter on the one part and John Sydenham the younger of Wyveliscombe gentleman on the other, being a lease to John Sydenham, Ellen his wife, and Thomas their son, for their lives, of the manor of Okehampton with howsebote and haybote within the parish of Wyveliscombe, late held of them by Thomas Brown of Yatton (formerly of Wells) and Alice his wife, at a yearly rent of 100*s*. payable quarterly, maintaining houses, walls, dovecotes, ponds, fisheries, roofs and enclosures, doing suit yearly when required at the bishop's court at Wyvelescombe, paying the king's taxes and other charges, and rebuilding any house that may be burnt or fall down (provided the dean and chapter shall deliver them timber for the same by survey of the steward): power to distrain for arrears or in default of such repairs, or to reenter for the same after a year's notice by the steward: warranty by the dean and chapter.

R.III. f. 326*d*.

Lease indented by Nicholas Carent dean of Wells to Simon Roo, Roger Jaimys, David Whyttok clerks, John Vowlys mason and

their assigns, of the reversion of a tenement with curtilage and garden in Wedmore, 8 acres of arable land, and 18 acres of meadow adjoining the said tenement, now held of the dean for life by William Clerke, to hold for 99 years from the death, surrender or forfeiture of the said William, at a yearly rent of 6*s*. 8*d*. payable quarterly, with warranty. Witnesses: William Vowell, John Milborne, John Godwyn, Henry Latam. Dated Wells, 20 March 36 Henry VI.

Confirmation by John Spekyngton president of Wells cathedral and the chapter, dated 19 September 1458.

R.III. f. 327*d*.

Decree of Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells, upon the petition of Master John Storthwayt chancellor and canon of Wells—after summoning before him Theobald Gorges knight, lord of the manor and patron of the church of Wroxhale (Wroxale), Sir Thomas Haynes now rector of the same, and all others interested, and hearing the consent of the said patron and rector (whose deed of submission is recited), and information of the value of the said church—condemning the said rector and his successors to pay every year at Wells on the usual quarter days to the dean and chapter of Wells or their communar a pension of 10*l*. towards the charge and maintenance of certain daily masses at the altar of Holy Cross on the north side of the church of Wells, and other works of piety to be appointed by the said chancellor, reserving of the said pension a cess of 40*d*. to the dean and chapter, and of 12*d*. to the archdeacon of Bath to indemnify them, to be paid at Michaelmas 1451 and thereafter yearly: monition to the said rector to observe this decree under a pain of 40*s*. to be applied to the fabric of the cathedral: every rector henceforth shall swear to observe the same, and shall make the payment aforesaid, and if such payment shall be 24 days in arrear, all the revenues of the parish church are hereby sequestrated, to remain in the custody of the archdeacon or his official or of the dean of Radclyve until the pension, pain, damages and costs be contented; if 40 days, sentence of excommunication is hereby published against the rector or his successors, absolution being reserved to the bishop, the official or president of the consistory of Wells. Dated the palace Wells, 16 September 1450, in presence of of Master Robert Stillyngton doctor of laws and canon of Wells, Master William North and Master John Machon the bishop's secretaries, Thomas Been, William Vowell and John atte Water notaries public.

Attestation by William North bachelor of laws of Corton in the diocese of Salisbury, and by John Machon clerk of the diocese of Worcester, notaries public.

R.III. ff. 328-330.

Gift by John bishop of Bath and Wells to John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter and to their successors, of a gate with free ingress and egress thereby to a close of the dean and chapter called the Camery at Wells, lying on the south side of the choir,

which gate is situate, and by special leave of the bishop new built, in a wall extending from the door of the cloister southward between the said close on the east and the bishop's outer palace on the west near and by the said cloister door, to hold of the bishop and his successors rent free ; also grant of free ingress and egress by all gates and entries of his said outer palace on the east, west and south sides, and by the gates of his park near Kuerbrigge and Torrehill to and into the Camery, with all manner of materials for the repair or new building of the church, cloister, churchyard or anything thereto belonging, for themselves and their successors, their ministers, hired servants and carters whenever required, and leave to have keys made of the said gates and entries ; provided that they shall make good any damage so done to the wall aforesaid, the ground or pavement of the bishop's market in the city of Wells, the bishop's said outer palace or any part thereof, or the bishop's manor of Wells, by survey of a canon residentiary and of the bishop's receiver general. Dated Wells, the Assumption 1433.

R.III. f. 331.

Gift indented by Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells, in accordance with a licence granted by King Henry VI by advice and assent of his great council, of the advowson of Bokeland Abbas of the bishop's patronage by right of his bishopric, wherein a vicarage has been of old time endowed, towards the support of certain charges and works of piety to be by the bishop appointed. Witnesses : Sir William Palton, Sir Thomas Beauchampe, Sir Thomas Stowell knights, John Warre, John Arthur, Philip Hampton, John Palton. Dated Woky, 16 October 3 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 331*d*.

Indenture of four parts, made between William prior of the cathedral of Bath and the convent on the one part and John Trethek esquire on the other, being a grant and bond by the prior and convent that they and their successors for ever will every year on a day within the octave of the Epiphany keep an obit of the said John in the choir of the priory church, with services as for special benefactors, for the souls of King Richard, Tuddemannus late bishop of Worcester, the said John Trethek, Joan his wife, his parents and benefactors, and will distribute to every monk there resident 1*d*., and for every default pay to the dean and chapter of Wells 100*s*., or if they fail to levy the same, to the bishop, submitting themselves and their manor of Asshwik county Somerset to the bishop to enforce the same. Dated the chapter house Bath, 3 September 23 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 332.

Indenture made 10 January 37 Henry VI, between Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells on the one part and Nicholas Carent dean of Wells and the chapter on the other, being the defeasance of a bond in 400*l*. given by the dean and chapter to the bishop

and his executors, dated 8 January 37 Henry VI, upon condition that the dean and chapter fulfil all statutes and ordinances to be by the bishop made and sealed, and all charges to be imposed concerning his chantry by the high altar in the cathedral church, as they and their successors are bound to do ; or that after they have, by demise and grant of Master Thomas Boleyn, his heirs or assigns, an estate in certain lands and tenements next the churchyard by the bishop new built or to be built, they shall when required thereof enfeoff the bishop, his heirs or assigns for ever.

R.III. f. 332*d*.

Bull of Pope Alexander [III], confirming to Rainald bishop of Bath the fee of Dindra, which had been wrongfully taken from his predecessor by William son of John, but abjured by William his son, and confirmed by a ring of gold. Dated Anagni, iiii *kal. Madii* (*sic*).

R.III. f. 333.

Grant and bond indented in three parts, made by John prior of the cathedral church of St. Peter and St. Paul Bath and the chapter or convent to Nicholas Bubbewyth bishop of Bath and Wells their patron, in recompense for 320 marks by him given for houses to be new built upon their land to the yearly value of 7*l.* 16*d.*, and vestments to the value of 200*l.*, namely a chasuble and two tunicles with their furniture of crymesyn velvet with orfreys powdered with pearls, three copes of cloth of gold of one suit, two with orfreys woven with the twelve Apostles and clasps set with pearls rose fashion, the third with an orfrey with figures in two rows (*cum ymaginbus de duplici historia*), and other ornaments, gifts and favours, that he shall have two monks priests of their convent to celebrate two daily masses in the chapel which he has caused to be new built within the cathedral on the south side of the nave, at the altar therein by him erected to St. John Baptist, St. George, St. Fabian, and St. Sebastian, the first summer and winter at the seventh hour of the day according to the devotion of the celebrant, the second a mass of St. Mary between the tenth and eleventh hours, and the celebrant after putting on his alb before the confession shall publicly say in the vulgar tongue, so long as the bishop live, " For bisshopp Nychol, and for his fader *et* moder saulis, and al his goode doerys sawlys, and al the goode doers sawlys of this chirche," and after his death " For bisshopp Nychol saule," etc. (as before,) *Pater noster*, *Ave Maria*, the Lord's prayer, the angelic salutation, and certain specified collects and prayers ; and to pay such monks every week 2*s.* 4*d.* (14*d.* each) ; to find bread, one book and chalice, vestments, lights, pall and ornaments, and repair the said chapel ; that there shall be no respect of persons in such weekly distribution, but all the monks shall take the same equally in turn, and shall be put upon the boards every Saturday for the ensuing week ; in case of sudden illness or other impediment, notice shall be given to the prior, subprior or third prior, who shall appoint a substitute : on whatsoever day the said bishop shall die the anniversary of his obit shall be kept the next

year (or if that be inconvenient on the day following) in the church of Bath, namely *placebo* and *dirige* shall be chanted in the choir the night before by the prior and all the convent, and next day a solemn mass of requiem at the high altar, with ringing of bells, and so year by year; and every year 20*s*. shall be divided among the monks present; their successors professing the order of St. Benedict (every prior at his confirmation, and the monks at their profession) shall be sworn to the fulfilment hereof, and themselves when required by the bishop; (form of oath;) and for every default the bishop at his next visitation shall take 100*s*. over and above his procurations. One part, sealed with their common seal, to remain with the bishop, one with the dean and chapter of Wells, the third, sealed by the bishop, to remain with them. Dated the priory chapter house, 16 October 1424.

R.III. ff. 333*d*.-335.

Letter of attorney by John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter to Master John Cole their brother, steward of their church, to receive seisin of the manor of Bikenalre county Somerset of John Juyn knight, John Stourton the elder, John Reynald and John Codeford clerk or their attorney, according to a charter indented by them made. Dated the chapter house Wells, 1 January 8 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 335*d*.

Sentence of Thomas bishop of Salisbury in favour of the appropriation of the parish church of Bokeland in his diocese to the dean and chapter of Wells, by them exhibited. Dated 18 May 1489.

R.III. f. 335*d*.

Gift by Richard son of Richard le Touker to Th[omas] dean of Wells and the chapter of 5*s*. rent, payable yearly at the Purification by him, his heirs or assigns, of his messuage in the Fullers' street in the town of Wells, between the messuage of William the fuller and that late of Richard Horn', to be divided among the poor by the communar of Wells for the soul of Roger de Cruk late provost of Wells on his anniversary, nor may grantor alienate the said messuage so that such rent be not paid, with warranty, in consideration of 5 marks paid by the said Roger's executors. Witnesses: Master Philip de Stanton precentor of Wells, Master Ralph de Wyhcam archdeacon of Bath, Sir John de Wymburn canon of Wells, Sir Philip de Wyk knight, John de Wyk, Adam Canon, John de Garsel', Nicholas the baker, William de Legh, Thomas de Merkesbury.

R.III. f. 336.

Quitclaim by John de Bello Campo lord of Lillesdon knight to Master Stephen de Penpel dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors, of all lordship, rents and services in the lands and tenements of la Hele, and all lands, rents, houses, rights and appurtenances to the lordship and lands held by Hugh atte Hele,

Thomas atte Hele or the heirs or assigns of the said Hugh, in the lordships or manors of Northcory and Knappe. Witnesses: Sir John de Clyvedon, Sir Edmund de Clyvedon, Sir Richard de Acton, Sir Walter de Rodeneye knights, Matthew de Clyvedon, Hugh Cauce, Henry Hacche. Dated Wells, Saturday the morrow of St. Katherine 36 Edward III.

R.III. f. 336.

Ordinance of J[osceline] bishop of Bath, by consent of the chapter of Wells, whereas no prebends have hitherto been annexed to dignities in the church of Wells except the deanery and the archdeaconry of Wells, joining the whole church of Milverton to the archdeaconry of Tanthon to remain thereto annexed for ever in name of a prebend, that the church and archdeaconry may be a single benefice, saving that the said archdeacon shall of the said church and the obventions of his archdeaconry make two prebends in the church of Wells, one of 10 marks the other of 100*s.*, and that Master W. de Sancto Quintino shall hold during his life his prebend in the said church of 22 marks, which prebend upon his decease or cession shall be reduced to 10 marks. Dated Woky, 3 April 1241.

R.III. f. 336*d.*

Inspeximus and assent by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent to the above ordinance.

R.III. f. 336*d.*

Gift by Richard Harewell canon residentiary of Wells to St. AndrewWells, dean Thomas and the chapter of Wells, of a messuage with houses and curtilages on the east side of Newe strete, which he had of the gift and feoffment of John Bovyndon, and the said John of the gift and feoffment of Master Richard Horsford. Witnesses: Master Roger Harewell canon, Ralph Canon canon, John Russell, Thomas Horewode, Simon Bayly. Dated Wells, 1 August 3 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 337.

Letter of attorney by Richard Harewell canon residentiary to William Hope clerk, to deliver seisin of a house in Newe strete, formerly of Master Richard Horsford, to Thomas dean of Wells and the chapter, according to the said canon's charter. Dated Wells, 3 August 3 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 337.

Letter of attorney by Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells to Robert Burgh clerk, William Dudecote clerk and John Long, to deliver seisin to the dean and chapter of Wells of the advowson of Bokeland Abbas in the diocese of Salisbury, according to a charter by him made. Dated Woky, 16 October 3 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 337.

Letter of attorney by John Stafford dean of Wells and the chapter to Master Richard Harewell and Master Stephen Morepath canons residentiary, to receive seisin of the advowson of Bokeland Abbas county Dorset from Nicholas bishop of Bath and Wells or his attorney. Dated the chapter house Wells, 16 October 1424.

R.III. f. 337*d*.

Admission and institution by John bishop of Salisbury of Sir John Axebrege chaplain (in the person of Sir Robert Burgh chaplain his proctor) to the rectory of Bokeland Abbas upon the presentation of the dean and chapter of Wells. Dated his manor of Remmesbury, 22 December 1424.

R.III. f. 337*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Chyu, iiii non. October 2 bishop Roger (by Master Richard de Haldeswrth), to a bond given upon oath by Robert de Euesham rector of Cristemeleford in the diocese of Salisbury (in the said bishop's patronage), that he will every year during his life within the quinzaine of Easter deposit in the treasury of Wells 25 marks for the dean and chapter, to the use of Ildicius vicar of Cristemeleford, for the farm of the vicarage which the dean and chapter hold of the said Ildicius, as in the charter which the said Ildicius thereof has, and in the institution of the said rector by Richard late bishop of Salisbury; which portion he professes to hold in name of the dean and chapter, and undertakes to save harmless the dean and chapter, and to be answerable for any loss, granting them power to enter and hold the same church for their security, provided that upon the decease or cession of Ildicius the whole church shall revert to him as parson; and submission to the archdeacon of Wiltisire to enforce this bond: done in the chapter of Wells, in presence of Hugh de Rumenal subdean, Henry de London treasurer, Master William de Badeston chancellor, Master W. de Sancto Quintino archdeacon of Tanton, Nicholas de Seleburn succentor, Master Nicholas de Euesham, Luke de Membyri, Jocelin the chaplain and John de Derham canons of Wells, v non. October 1245.

R.III. f. 338*d*.

Petition of Roger With, 'his parishioner,' to R. bishop of Bath, to confirm his grant of the church of Sthoche to the church of St. Peter Bath and to the prior and monks there, made by assent of Giffard his heir and of Julitta his wife. Witnesses: chaplains Angod de Salford, Albin de Niwet[on], James de Pegeling, Robert de Sancto Laudo, Durand de Bath, Dame Christina de Pageling, Thomas the mason, Henry, Robert, Master Ernald, William de Richemunt, Hubert.

R.III. f. 339*d*. Wythent in the Bath chartulary ii 808 (p. 167).

Gift by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to his brother Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and to his successors, of half a knight's fee in Rugeberg and Dreicot, lately held of him by Maurice de

Benington and Geoffrey Maureward, and by him of the king, with quitclaim of the homage and service of the said Maurice and Geoffrey. Witnesses: Geoffrey son of Baldwin the grantor's steward, Master Hugh de Wilton, Master William de Keynesham, Peter de Wilton, Peter de Bathonia, Stephen de Baddebiry. Dated Stowe, v id. July 5 bishop Hugh, by Master William de Thornaco archdeacon of Stowe.

R.III. f. 339*d.*: repeated f. 349.

Charter of King Henry [III], granting to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors that, at whatever time of year they may die, they shall have all their fruits until Michaelmas following; and that their executors shall have easements of courts, granges, presses and granaries to store the same until it be necessary to deliver them up for the fruits of the ensuing year. Witnesses: Roger bishop of London and others named. Dated Oxford, 15 July 15 Henry III.

R.III. f. 340*d.*: repeated f. 348. Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 137.

Gift and quitclaim by Maurice de Gaunt to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his assigns, for 100 marks by him paid, of his right in the town of Axebrigge (Axebrege), rendering to him the charter thereof made to the said Maurice by Thomas Walensis, the charter made to the said Thomas by Hugh bishop of Lincoln when archdeacon of Wells, and the confirmation by King John, with warranty against all women who might claim dower therein. Witnesses: Ralph bishop of Chichester the king's chancellor, Sir Martin de Pateshull, William de Ralegh, Henry de Gaunt clerk.

R.III. f. 341*d.*: repeated f. 351*d.*

Grant by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to his brother Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, that they shall hold the town of Axebrugge (which is of his fee) in frank almoin, quit of suit of the foreign hundred which the said town used to owe him and his heirs, and likewise quit of half a mark due therefrom, and of all service and demand. Witnesses: Master Roger de Lacok, Master Amauricus de Buggeden, Master William de Winchecumbe canons of Lincoln, Roger the chaplain, Master Adam de Clenefeud, Gilbert de Tanton, Robert de Monte Sorelli canons of Wells, Stephen the chamberlain, Thomas de Hauteville, William de Stoke, Philip de Wike, Peter de Cotingtun, Walter de Abbodestun, John the chamberlain, Roger le Waleis. Dated Tinghurst, vii id. November 18 bishop Hugh, by Ralph de Waravilla canon of Lincoln.

R.III. f. 342: repeated f. 350*d.*

Gift by Robert de Gurnay to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, of 4 acres of land in the manor of Chiu in a *cultura* called Stafordcroft (Stafordesost) and 2 acres of meadow on the west side of Smethemede, in frank almoin.

R.III. f. 342: repeated f. 353.

Gift by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to his brother Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors, of the advowson of Axebrige. Witnesses: Geoffrey son of Baldwin the grantor's steward, Master Hugh de Wilton, Master William de Keynesham, Peter de Wilton, Peter de Bathonia, Stephen de Baddebiry. Dated Stowe, iiii id. July 5 bishop Hugh, by Master William de Tornaco archdeacon of Stowe.

R.III. f. 343.

Acknowledgment by Geoffrey Chaumpeneys lord of Wylmyndon that the grant of free warren in his manor, obtained for him by Robert bishop of Bath and Wells, is without prejudice to the said bishop, but that he and his successors may hunt and fowl in the said warren at their pleasure. Witnesses: Sir John de Sancto Laudo, Sir Adam de Button, Sir Hubert Husee knights, Robert de Wulton, Roger de Sthok'wyk', Thomas de Cumbe, Gilbert the tailor of Bath. Dated Bath, xi kal. April 1280.

R.III. f. 343.

Assent of Robert archbishop of Canterbury to an accord between King Edward [I] and Robert bishop of Bath and Wells concerning the patronage of the monastery of Glastonbury, (as R.I. f. 129*d.*: above, p. 166; but in addition) reciting a grant and quitclaim, dated Lambeth v non. May 1275, made by bishop Robert to the king, of the service of all lands and fees now of the abbey of Glastonbury, with the patronage or custody of the said abbey, which his predecessors had by grant of King Richard, King John and King Henry III, the mercies and amercements of the abbot when he should fall into the king's mercy, and the moiety which remained to Walter Gyffard formerly bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors (by a composition with Robert then abbot of Glastonbury) of amercements, fines, escapes of thieves, chattels of fugitives and condemned persons, murders and oxen of disseisin arising from the lands and fees of the men of the abbey and of all their fees and men, and other liberties which the bishops likewise had, (saving to the said bishop and his successors, and to their churches of Bath and Wells, the manor and advowson of Pokeleschurch in county Gloucester, the manor and free chapel of Blakeford, the manor and advowson of Wynescumbe, and the manor of Cranemere in county Somerset, the last named quit of all suit of courts and hundreds, one knight's fee in Camelerton, and the fees to the manors aforesaid pertaining, the advowsons of Cristemelford and Kyngton in county Wyltes, Assebury in county Berks, and Boclonde in county Dorset, and the amercements, fines, etc. arising from the manors above mentioned and the fees and men thereto belonging,) so that the abbot and convent shall be immediately answerable to the king in all things concerning their abbey, fees and liberties; in exchange for the city and suburb of Bath, with houses, garden and meadow below the said city on the east side between the Avon and the said city, the advowsons of churches if any there be to the king belonging in the city and suburb, and other appurtenances, except the Barton which the

prior and convent of Bath hold of the king in fee farm, and also for certain liberties concerning the said city granted by the king's charter; saving other rights, possessions and liberties granted by the kings of England to the bishop and his said churches, and his diocesan jurisdiction and authority in the said abbey.

R.III. f. 343*d*.

Copy, under seal of the cathedral of Bath, of letters patent of King Edward III, tested at York 4 July 8 Edward III, being a licence in mortmain to Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to give the site of his palace, 170 feet by 130 feet, with a house called Bisschopesboure situate thereupon, to the prior and convent of Bath to enlarge the priory, reciting the finding of an inquisition *ad quod damnum* thereupon taken before Ralph de Middelneye his escheator in Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall and Devon. (See Pat. *Cal.* p. 559).

Also of a grant dated Blakeford 1 July 1336, made by bishop Ralph to the prior and chapter of Bath, of the use of a place in the city of Bath called Bisschopesboure and a piece of ground adjoining to build thereon; reciting that the same has proved useless and expensive to his predecessors, that the buildings are ruinous, and that it is only divided from the priory by a wall; reserving to the bishop and his successors the use of such dwelling when they should come to Bath.

Also of a letter of attorney, dated Blakeford 1 July 10 Edward III, by the same bishop to Richard Springeheose his bailiff of Claverton, to put the prior and chapter in corporal possession thereof, in pursuance of the above grant.

Notification by Thomas prior of Bath and the chapter to all whom it may concern, dated Bath, the morrow of the Conversion of St. Paul 1336, that the dean and chapter of Wells have seen these documents and heard them read, and have allowed sealed copies to be placed in their treasury, with undertaking to defray expenses.

R.III. f. 345*d*.

Award of Joscelin bishop of Bath in a dispute between Robert abbot of Glastonbury and the convent on the one part and Master Martin de Summa the pope's subdeacon on the other; that the abbey shall pay the tithes due and accustomed of the church of Bodeclya, to wit of hay, mills, vaccaries, fisheries, etc., and the usual log against Christmas, also the tithe of Domerham park according to the custom of parks in the archbishopric of Canterbury, and shall pay 100*l*. at Domerham in ten half yearly instalments for rents, arrears, costs, an exhibition of four horses and as many servants, and all other disputed claims, under pain of 5 marks at each term to the fabrics of Wells and Salisbury: Master Martin shall withdraw all plaint and action, shall before Midsummer give up all instruments concerning the same, and if any be hereafter produced to the prejudice of the abbey they shall be of no effect; the said Martin shall save the abbey harmless, and in such case the payments aforesaid shall cease: if he die during

the next five years, he may dispose of the unpaid instalments by will: payment shall if necessary be made of the rents of Domerham, Marton and Ydomeston, and the steward of the abbey, the servants and reeves of those manors shall be sworn to keep back enough of such rents to content the same, and the pain if incurred: any error or obscurity herein to be corrected by the bishop and his successors. Accepted by the parties, submitting them to the bishop to enforce this award, the said Martin being sworn that he has not parted with any instruments, and Albert his nephew abjuring all claim. Done in the chapter of Glastonbury, the morrow of St. Benedict 27 bishop Joscelin.

R.III. f. 346*d*.

Grant by Hugh bishop of Lincoln, that all the fees, lands and tenements held by his brother Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury in the hundreds of Ceddre and Wintestoke, and the men thereof, shall be for ever quit of suits of the said hundreds, and enjoy all such liberties and free customs as his other lands and men have. Witnesses: Geoffrey son of Baldwin the grantor's steward, Master Hugh de Wilton, Master William de Keynesham, Peter de Wilton, Peter de Bathonia, Stephen de Baddebiry. Dated Stowe, iiii id. July 5 bishop Hugh, by Master William de Thornaco archdeacon of Stowe.

R.III. f. 347*d*.

Gift by Hugh the chaplain, minister of the poor of the hospital of St. Bartholomew London, to Joscelin bishop of Bath, of the advowson of St. George of Heanton.

R.III. f. 347*d*.

Acknowledgment by Thomas Avenant, that Joscelin bishop of Bath has granted to him and his heirs, for his service, the whole tenement at Cantok belonging to Lydiard called Bissopeswod, to hold of the bishop and his successors by the service of 5*s*. a year, except the wood of demesne there, and except the hill (*montana*); and in the wood he has granted that they may have 20 swine quit of pannage, fencing, and brushwood to burn by view of the bishop's servant, and upon the hill they and their men may have pasture for their own beasts, and fuel likewise for their fire: but the residue of the wood and hill (claimed by the said Thomas of the gift of the bishop's predecessors) shall remain to the bishop and his successors, except 20 acres next the close of the said Thomas, which shall remain to the said Thomas and his heirs.

R.III. f. 347*d*. (NOTE.—The ordnance survey shews a narrow strip of the parish of Bishops Lydeard extending right across the ridge of the Quantocks, and including a height known as Lydeard Hill, below which on the north eastern slope is a farm called Bishpool.)

Grant and demise by William the chaplain, proctor of the hospital of St. Bartholomew London, the brethren and sisters thereof, to Joscelin bishop of Bath and Wells for ever in final sale, of 10*s*. quit rent which the bishop used to pay yearly of part of his messuage in the parish of St. Clement de Denissemannecherch,

on the south side of the church towards the Thames, paying to Richard son of Edward and his heirs a yearly rent of 1*lb.* of pepper at Michaelmas, in consideration of 9 marks. Witnesses : Andrew Bukerel mayor of London, Richard Renger, Roger le Duc, Terricus de Colonia, Stephen de la Strande, Richard son of Edward.

R.III. f. 348*d*.

Indenture made 18 April 40 Edward III, between the dean and chapter of Wells on the one part and Hugh Caucey of Northcuri on the other, being the defeasance of a bond in 100*l.* given by the said Hugh, upon condition that he shall within a certain time content the dean and chapter of their costs and damages for his wrongful hunting in the warren of their manor of Northcuri, whereof there was a plea in the king's court, and that he shall either produce a judgment of Henry de Persay in favour of his right of fishery in Tone and other waters, or make amends for his wrongful fishing at their discretion. Dated the chapter house Wells.

R.III. f. 349.

Gift by John de Abbodestun to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors of all the wood he had in the manor of Puklescherch called Bradelegh, with the arable land within the wood, 1 acre outside, and all his meadow in Redmore and Hey, to hold in frank almoin, with warranty, in exchange for the wood of Clehangre which is near Abbodestun, given to him with warranty by charter of the said bishop at a rent of 10*s.* a year, which he must keep enclosed lest the bishop's cattle be impounded. Done at Bath, 3 October 25 bishop Joscelin.

R.III. f. 349*d*.

Gift by Hugh bishop of Lincoln to Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors of half a knight's fee in Nortun, held of grantor by Stephen de Altavilla, and after him by Reginald his son, and by grantor of the king, with the homage and service of the said Reginald and his heirs ; also quitclaim of such service, and grant that the said half fee and all other fees, lands and tenements held by bishop Joscelin in the hundreds of Ceddre and Wyntescombe (*sic*), and all the men thereof, shall be quit of all suits of the said hundreds, and enjoy the same liberties as his other manors. Witnesses : Geoffrey son of Baldwin the grantor's steward, Master Hugh de Wylton, Master William de Keynesham, Peter de Wilton, Peter de Bathonia, Stephen de Baddebiry. Dated Stowe, iiii id. July 5 bishop Hugh, by Master William de Thornaco archdeacon of Stowe.

R.III. f. 350.

Quitclaim by James de Molendinis to John bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors of a messuage and one virgate of land, also of 3½ acres of overland formerly held in villenage by Joan who was wife of Martin at Bergh in Kingsbury Episcopi, and after by the said James (by gift of the said bishop, confirmed by the dean

and chapter of Wells and by the prior and convent of Bath) with warranty. Witnesses: Sir William de Weylond knight, Roger att Wall, Roger le Frye, John de Gauelbrogg', William Loue, Hugh at Bergh, Thomas Peroun. Dated Kingesburi aforesaid, 22 February 18 Edward II.

R.III. f. 350.

Gift by Robert prior of Bath and the convent to Joscelin their bishop of the advowson of Stoke Giffard. Done in the chapter of Bath, xv kal. April 1214.

R.III. f. 350*d*.

Gift by William son of Walter de Scremeby to William bishop of Bath and Wells, of all lands, tenements and meadows which came to him by inheritance in the manor of Wells by the death of Richard le Norreys his uncle, performing for him the service due to the chief lords, with warranty, in consideration of 15 marks. Witnesses: Sir Bartholomew de Empnebergh, Amis' de Bayuse, William de Cameria, Robert de Ceddre, Peter de Wodeford, John le Mazun, John de Gersingdon.

R.III. f. 351.

Bond of P. prior of the hospital of St. John Wells to R. bishop of Bath and his successors, that he will not raise the mill pool of the mill by him built upon the land of his house at Hilemore in the bishop's manor of Wells so high as to damage the mills of the said manor; also that he will receive to multure no customary tenant of the said bishop who ought to grind at the bishop's mill: power in case of contravention to the bishop's bailiffs to take the sluices of the said mill. Witnesses: Master W. de Badeston the bishop's official, Hugh de Atrio dei, Michael de Childrinton the bishop's steward, Sir R. vicar of St. Cuthbert, Master Geoffrey de Wyke.

R.III. f. 351.

Inspeximus and approval by Robert archbishop of Canterbury and primate, dated Otteford ii kal. September 1274, of a notice by his official, that he does not intend to proceed in the matter of election of an abbot by the prior and convent of Glastonbury, by reason of an appeal made before him iiii id. July 1274 in the church of St. Mary le Bow London by the subdean of Wells (as proctor of the bishop of Bath and Wells), in presence of Hilary de Lodres proctor general of the said prior and convent, against their election of Robert Taunton (corrected in the margin to John de Taunton) without the bishop's licence to elect; reciting the said appeal, the proxy given by the prior and convent of Glastonbury of the order of St. Benedict to Sir Hilary de Lodres their clerk dated *pridie kal.* June 1274, and that given by the bishop to the archdeacon and subdean of Wells, dated London xvii kal. June 1274.

R.III. f. 351*d*.-353.

Acknowledgment by Geoffrey de Stanewell that he holds immediately of Walter bishop of Bath and Wells and of his successors all the lands late of Sir Matthew de Stratton archdeacon of Buckingham in Evercriz, Stratton and Prestel[egh] which he has of the feoffment of the said Matthew. Witnesses: Sir Ralph Sansaver, Sir Elyas de la Mare, Sir Elyas Cotel knights, John le Hus', Henry de Nunny, Peter de la Mare, Hugh Wytang' of Cranemere.

R.III. f. 353.

Ratification by Thomas prior of Glastonbury and the convent of the gift made by the prior and convent of Bath to Joscelin their bishop, of the advowsons of Stoke Giffard and Dokemerefeld, and of 20*s*. which they used to receive yearly of the church of Dokemerefeld; and assent to the renunciation by the said prior and convent of their right in the church of Chiu.

R.III. f. 353. Adam de Domerham, i. 238.

Grant and quitclaim by Walter de Dunheved and Walter de Wyka to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, of all the land, meadow, and whatever they had within the close of Wells park, with 5 acres of land on the south side of the street which was the usual way to Dulting', whereon has been raised the park wall and a road made outside it; in exchange for two messuages in the town of Wells Biestwall, one which Christina Pighele and one which Chuderic Pighele held, and two small parcels of land, one on the north the other on the south side of the road to Horningedon, 10½ acres of the bishop's demesne at Karswell, 3 acres below Stabergh which Adam Grenun held, 17½ acres of the bishop's demesne at Staburgh, 4 acres at Beriall, 1 acre at Ailtredehull, 7 acres of his demesne meadow of Horningdon, and fencing of the bishop's wood every other year to enclose the said meadow. Witnesses: Thomas de Cicestria, Richard de Meauleberg', Reginald de Wodeford, William the forester, Helyas son of Richard, William the cook.

R.III. f. 353*d*.

Indenture of grant and quitclaim by Richard son of Walter de Hentun to Joscelin bishop of Bath and his successors, of 8 acres of arable land and 2 acres of meadow outside the borough of Wells, (parcel of half a virgate which the said Richard held of the said bishop for 2*s*. a year,) whereof 5 acres lie on the north side of the road to Burcot at the head of a *cultura* of the bishop's demesne called Portcroft, 3 acres and the 2 acres of meadow on the north side of the fulling mill near the watercourse, with warranty, in consideration of 5 marks and the bishop's quitclaim of a rent of 12*d*. yearly, so that of the residue of the said half virgate the said Richard and his heirs shall pay only 12*d*. a year to the bishop and his successors. Witnesses: William de Stratton, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wyk, Robert de Litletun, Geoffrey de Wodeford, Philip de Cnoll.

R.III. f. 353*d*.

Inspeximus and ratification by William bishop of Bath and Wells, the prior and convent of Bath, and the dean and chapter of Wells, dated November 1252, of a composition made on Saturday before the feast of St. Barnabas, June 1236, before the abbot of Evesham, the chancellor and the dean of Oxford (judges appointed by the pope), and witnessed by Sir John de Sancto Petro Oxon', Sir John de Cauntel', Sir John Bereford, Sir L. the chaplain, Sir W. the chaplain and Henry the clerk, between Robert rector of Cristemeleford on the one part and the prior and convent of Bradenestoke on the other, upon a claim made by the said rector for the tithes of their two mills in his said parish, of the meadows called Mulleham and Scirrevemad, of the feedings of their cattle within the parish, and of that rood of land whereon is their withy bed, namely towards the west side, as belonging to his mother church; whereby it was agreed that the rector should remit all action upon his said claim, the prior giving him for an accord and for arrears and costs 50*s*. less 8*d*., and in other points they should stand to the old composition made at Oxford on Sunday after St. Peter and St. Paul, July 1229, before Master Humfrey de Milers, Master Nicholas de Heuesham, Master R. de Bunewell, Master Clement de Milcheburn', Master W. de Werministre, Master R. de Stanford, John de Berelane, Robert de Sulinton clerks and Richard de Husborne layman, touching the tithes of the said mills in the town of Cristemeleford, of hay and the feedings of cattle in the said parish, and of the said virgate, namely that the prior and convent should pay the rector 16*s*. a year for the said tithes at Easter and Michaelmas, with proviso that this personal composition should be made a real ordinance, but excepting the clause that in default of payment the rector's right of action should be restored, and substituting a pain of two besants; moreover the said rector made oath that he would use all diligence that the composition should be made real, and the prior and convent in that case agreed to pay him 5 marks 16*s*. less 8*d*.

R.III. f. 354.

Notification by Maurice de Gaunt to the men of Axebrugge that, for 100 marks by J. bishop of Bath paid, he has granted and quitclaimed to the said bishop the town of Axebrugge, wherefore they are to be answerable henceforth to the said bishop.

R.III. f. 355.

Grant by William son of John de Harpetre to Joscelin bishop of Bath, of the church of Westharpetre, that he and his successors may dispose thereof at their pleasure, with the appurtenances and liberties, and of the advowson, with warranty. Witnesses: W. de Ralegh, R. de Lexintun, Thomas de Muletun justices of the Bench, Roger Tyrell, John de Campo Florum, Thomas de Altavilla.

R.III. f. 355.

Proxy by Ildicius vicar of Cristemeleford to Gerard Ricobaldi merchant of Florence, to receive from the dean and chapter of

Wells 25 marks which they are bound to pay at the New Temple London in the octave of the Lord's Resurrection for the farm of his said church. Sealed by the said vicar and by Leo archbishop of Milan. Dated Milan, 25 November 1246.

R.III. f. 355*d*.

Gift by Robert de Barnevill patron of the church of St. George Jorihampton (in margin, Hampton) to the house of the hospital of St. Bartholomew Smethefeld in the suburb of London, towards the maintenance of priests therein ministering, of the said church so far as pertains to a lay person. Witnesses : Richard de Valle Baddonis, Richard de Ware, Richard de Vadis, Helias de Eswelle, Geoffrey son of Eustace, Bartholomew de Sancto Bartholomeo, William de Hely.

R.III. f. 355*d*.

Gift by Thomas Walensis to Maurice de Gaunt, for his homage and service, of the town of Axebrugge with liberties, to hold to the said Maurice, his heirs and assigns, of the said Thomas and his heirs as freely as Hugh de Wulles (*sic*) formerly archdeacon of Wells gave, and King John confirmed the same to the said Thomas, (which confirmation has been delivered to the said Maurice,) at a yearly rent of half a mark, in consideration of 100 marks. Witnesses : William Briwer the younger,Thomas de Berkele, Robert son of Richard, Hugh Trevet, William de la Hyda, Henry de Veym, Gilbert de Hendun, Stephen the clerk.

R.III. f. 356.

Bond of Hugh son of Hugh atte Hele of Northcory to the dean and chapter of Wells in 100*l*. payable at Wells on the day he shall, without their licence, alienate in fee simple, fee tail or for life the lands and tenements or any part thereof which his said father acquired of them in the manor of Northcory, and which descended to him as son and heir. Witnesses : John atte Slo, Thomas de Mere, John de Knappe, William Busscel, John de Muridone, William Gyan, William Huwet, Dated Northcory, Wednesday after St. Tiburtius and St. Valerianus 8 Edward [I ?].

R.III. f. 356.

Undertaking by J. called prior of the Carthusians and the priors and brethren of the whole order for a general chapter assembled, that J. bishop of Bath, for his benefits to their brethren of Wittham and their order, shall be a partaker in all the goods of their order, and that on his obit they will perform as for a brother of the order.

R.III. f. 356*d*.

Grant by Hugh de Well' archdeacon of Wells to his brother Joscelin the bishop and his successors and to their churches for ever, that their manors of Banwell and Cumton with their appurtenances and the men and tenants thereof shall be quit of suit of the hundred of Wynterstoke, and of all pleas, plaints and demands

to the said Hugh and his heirs belonging by reason of the said hundred. Witnesses: Master Ralph precentor of Wells, Master Helyas de Derham, Thomas de Thorn[aco], Simon de Elmham, Hugh de Well', Peter de Cicestria, Robert de Mandeville.

R.III. f. 356*d*.

Gift by Julitta Hwiteng to St. Peter and the church of Bath, for the soul of Roger Hwiteng her lord, of the church of St. Bernard Stokes, as the said Roger gave the same, and in addition the tithe of hay of the meadows of Stokes. Witnesses: Henry de Monte forti, Robert de Sancto Laudo, Ernald the parson, Master Robert, Robert Hwiteng, German the chaplain, Angod the chaplain, Albert de Estona, Roger de Monte forti, Alexander de Monte forti, Swife de Stokes, Richard Brand.

R.III. f. 357*d*.

Renunciation and quitclaim by Robert prior of Bath and the convent to Joscelin their bishop and his successors, of all right in the church of Chyu, giving up to the said bishop all instruments touching the said church which they obtained from the papal see or from bishop Savaricus. Done in the chapter of Bath, xv kal. April 1214.

R.III. f. 357*d*.

Copy return to a mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Banwell non. December 1328, (reciting the presentation made by Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, of John de Hampton Meysi priest to the vicarage of Berghes, the parish church whereof is appropriated to his archdeaconry, and desiring information with a view to the appointment of such vicarage,) made by his clerk Walter de Hull rector of Schepton Belli Campi and commissary of the bishop's official, of an inquisition taken in the parish of Axebrugge xv kal. February the same year by Sir William rector of Lymplesham, Sir Andrew rector of Schepham, Sir Adam rector of Axebrugge, Sir Adam rector of Hotton dean of Axebrugge, Sir William rector of Rowebergh, Walter vicar of Were, Thomas vicar of Wynescombe, Henry vicar of Lokkynge, finding that the oblations of the altars of the church of Berghes, with the tithes of wool, cheese, milk, lambs, calves, foals, apples, eggs, fisheries, geese, curtilages, hay and mills to the said church belonging are of the yearly value of 16 marks, but the tithes of corn of 25 marks: and that notice has been given to the archdeacon. Dated Axebrugge, as above. Sealed by the bishop, London, xiii kal. March the same year.

R.III. 358*d*.

Gift indented by Adam abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, of one acre of land in Berghes, in name of glebe, and of the advowson of the church of that town, in exchange for the messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services of free men and villeins which they had

of the gift of the said archdeacon in Middelton Abbatis by Jevelchestre, to hold to the said archdeacon and his successors of the chief lords, with warranty. Sealed by the parties, and by John de Drokenesford bishop of Bath and Wells, Robert de Clopcote prior of Bath and the convent, and John de Godelegh dean of Wells and the chapter. Witnesses: Sir John de Clevedone, Sir Robert de Brent, Sir Hugh de Langelonde knights, Richard Barbe, Thomas de la More. Dated Berghes, Friday the Nativity of St. John Baptist 2 Edward III.

R.III. f. 359.

Grant and undertaking indented by Adam abbot of Glastonbury and the convent to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, by reason of lands and tenements in Middeltone Abbatis by Jevelchestre, which they had of his gift, in exchange for one acre of land in name of glebe and the advowson of Bergh', that if they and their successors ever be thereof impleaded so as to vouch the said archdeacon and his successors to warranty, and the archdeacon consequently shall vouch the heirs of William de Myddelton, they will produce one ancient charter of the said lands and tenements made by William de Middeltone to John de Buttone formerly provost of Wells and his heirs, with warranty by the said William, and another made by William de Buttone to Thomas de Buttone archdeacon of Wells and his successors, which two charters the said archdeacon has to them delivered, and will deliver them to the archdeacon until such warranty be deraigned in the king's court; also by the archdeacon that, when such warranty be so deraigned, he and his successors will deliver them again to the abbot. Dated Middelton Abbatis, Friday the Nativity of St. John Baptist 2 Edward III.

R.III. f. 359*d*.

Decree of Richard bishop of Bath and Wells (upon the representation of Master John Gunthorp dean of Wells and the chapter that archdeacons and others collated by the bishop's predecessors to dignities, parsonages and offices in the church of Wells were installed, inducted and put in real and corporal possession, not by the dean, subdean or president of the chapter, but by some other at the will of the bishop, whereby they were not sworn to observe the statutes, ordinances and customs of that church) that henceforth the installation and induction of all such persons, as of the canons, shall belong to the dean and chapter, and none shall be installed or inducted but by the dean, subdean, or (in their absence) by the president and chapter, and shall previously in the chapter house be sworn as aforesaid; and further that every archdeacon shall be sworn to collect the fruits of vacant benefices in his archdeaconry and render an account thereof to the chapter every year on October 1 or within 15 days after, and to pay over two thirds to the dean and chapter; annulling any installation or induction contrary to the premisses made or attempted. Dated Warwick, 17 May 1493.

Ratification by John Cauntlowe prior of Bath and the convent, dated 20 June; and by John Gunthorpe dean of Wells and the chapter, dated 22 June 1493.

R.III. ff. 360-1.

Letters patent of King Edward [III], being a licence in mortmain to the abbot of Glastonbury to give and assign to Master Robert de Wamberge archdeacon of Wells one acre of land in Berewe and the advowson of the church, which are held of the king in chief, in order to find three chaplains to celebrate daily for ever in the church of Wells, two for the souls of William de Button formerly bishop of Wells and John de Button, the third for the said Robert and bishop John de Drokenesford; and to the said archdeacon to appropriate and hold the said church. Tested at Sempyngham, 5 April 2 Edward III.

R.III. f. 361*d*. Pat. *Cal.* p. 256.

Assessment by John bishop of Bath and Wells of a perpetual vicarage in the church of Berghes (appropriated to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells and to his archdeaconry, towards the maintenance of three chaplains in the church of Wells to celebrate for the said bishop, certain his predecessors, and for John the provost and canons deceased, and in recompense for the loss of lands in the manor of Middelton), to which vicarage the said archdeacon has presented John de Hampton Meysy priest; namely that the vicars henceforth shall have one acre of arable land in Pynekescrofte for a dwelling house, all oblations and obventions to the church and altarage arising, all small tithes of wool, lambs, milk, cheese, calves, foals, apples, eggs, fishery, geese, doves, curtilages, mills, with the tithes of flax to the church belonging, of all the parish except the archdeacon's court, amounting to 10*l*. and more, and shall pay to the archdeacon and his successors 40*s*. a year at Michaelmas and Easter in name of a pension in aid of the maintenance of the aforesaid chaplains, and all else shall remain to the archdeacon, provided the vicar's portions amount to 12 marks; the vicar and the archdeacon shall bear the charges ordinary and extraordinary in proportion to their respective portions. Dated London, xv kal. March 1328.

R.III. f. 362.

Gift indented by Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells to Adam [abbot] of Glastonbury and the convent, by assent of John de Drokenesford bishop of Bath and Wells, John de Godlegh dean of Wells and the chapter, and Robert de Clopcote prior of Bath and the convent, of all his messuages, lands, rents and services of free men and villeins in the town of Middelton Abbatis by Ivelcestre, in exchange for one acre in Berghes with the advowson of the church given him by the said abbot and convent. Sealed by the parties, the bishop, the dean and chapter, and the prior and convent of Bath. Witnesses: Sir Geoffrey de Stawell, Sir Richard Pyk, Sir Robert de Brente knights, Walter de Chauton,

Thomas Tryvet the younger. Dated Middelton Abbatis, Friday the Nativity of St. John Baptist 2 Edward [III].

R.III. f. 363.

Letter of attorney by Adam abbot of Glastonbury to William Rosemund, to give seisin of one acre of land and the advowson of Bergh to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells, in accordance with his charter. Dated Glastonbury, Friday the Nativity of St. John Baptist 1328.

R.III. f. 363*d*.

Inspeximus and ratification by Th. prior of Bath and the convent of a gift and assignment made by Joscelin bishop of Bath of 60*s*. yearly, in recompense for the land of Merlegh in his manor of Woki and half a virgate in his manor of Wells, assigned by Peter late dean of Wells for the perpetual service of the dead in the church of Wells and for his anniversary in the choir.

R.III. f. 363*d*. (See the charter of Bishop Jocelin R.III. f. 131*d*., above p. 378. This is probably the second charter there mentioned, since there is at one point an unimportant variation. The present instrument is without date.)

Copy return, dated vii kal. August the same year, to a mandate of John bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Banewell viii kal. August 1328, (reciting the presentation made by Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells of John called Treoute of Heyworth priest to the parish church of Bergh, alleged to be void and of his patronage,) made by the bishop's clerk the official of the archdeacon of Wells, of an inquisition under seal made in full chapter in the parish church of Axebrugge (to the deanery whereof the church of Bergh belongs) by Sir Andrew rector of Shepham, Sir Roger rector of Weston, Sir William rector of Uphull, Sir William rector of Rowebergh, Sir Thomas [vicar] of Wyvelescombe, Sir Bartholomew [vicar] of Kyustok and Lockyng (*sic*), finding that the church of Bergh is void in law and in fact, for that Sir Andrew Spryngeherse the last rector has been instituted to the parish church of Monketon in the same diocese; that the vacancy began about the feast of St. Barnabas last (exact date unknown); that Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells is the patron, as appears by a charter (produced) of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, whereby they gave to the said archdeacon and his successors certain land in the name of glebe with the advowson of the said church, and seisin thereof by William Rosmond the abbot's attorney; that the said abbot and convent last presented thereto; that the church is not in dispute, nor pensionary so far as known, of the yearly value of 20*l*., and the presentee a free and lawful man of good life and honest conversation in priest's orders, and has a vicarage in the cathedral of Wells. Sealed by the bishop, iiii kal. August the same year.

R.III. f. 364*d*. For Wyvelescombe should probably be read Wynescombe, as on p. 480.

Gift indented by John bishop of Bath and Wells, with consent of the dean and chapter of Wells, to Master Thomas de Cherleton archdeacon of Wells, of 20 acres of pasture in his manor of Hywyshe by Langeport, lying in the Southmore between the new close called Lytilnye and extending lengthwise from the bishop's manor of la Hull to the rhine towards Muchelney, to hold to the said Thomas and his successors of the bishop and his successors enclosed and in severalty for ever; in consideration whereof the said archdeacon has released to the bishop and his successors the common of pasture which he used to have in the Southmore and the Northmore, saving to the bishop and his successors the tithe of hay and of other profits belonging to his church of Hywysh. Witnesses: Sir John de Clevedon, Sir Matthew de Clyvedon knights, Richard de Loveny, John le Jew [Rewe], John de Gauelbrugge, Roger le Frye, John de Lambrok. Dated Hywysh by Langeport, Saturday before Midsummer 10 Edward II.

R.III. f. 365. (See *inspeximus*, R.I. f. 139: III f. 357*d*.. above p. 176).

Gift by Adam abbot of Glastonbury to Master Robert de Wambergh archdeacon of Wells of the corn upon one acre of land on the west side of Pynekescrofte in Burghes which he has of the abbot's gift. Dated Middelton, Friday the Nativity of St. John Baptist 2 Edward III.

R.III. f. 365*d*.

Indenture of accord, made at Pulton on the morrow of the Epiphany 1327, between Adam abbot of Glastonbury and the convent on the one part and Master Robert de Wamberge archdeacon of Wells on the other, touching homage, fealty, scutage and other the king's services pertaining to the moiety of one knight's fee which the abbots had long claimed of the archdeacons by reason of lands and tenements held by the archdeacons of William de Middelton in Middelton by Ivelcestre of the abbots' fee; namely that the abbot and convent and their successors shall hold the same in demesne discharged of all rent by charter of the archdeacon (with warranty of the archdeacon or the ancient warranty of William de Middelton, as to the abbot's counsel shall seem good) with all other muniments concerning the same, and confirmation (to be by the archdeacon obtained) of the bishop, the prior and chapter of Bath, and the dean and chapter of Wells; and the archdeacon and his successors shall have in fee for ever by charter one acre of land in name of glebe in the abbot's town of Bergh, and the advowson of the church thereof, with warranty, and for his greater security the abbot shall cause a vacancy in the said church: either party to procure the king's licence, the abbot for the lands and tenements aforesaid, the archdeacon for the glebe and advowson, and all to be done before Michaelmas.

R.III. f. 365*d*.

Copy resignation of his cure by John de Worthe rector of Bergh to John bishop of Bath and Wells. Seal of the deanery of Axe-

brugge. Dated Wells, iiii non. August 1328. Sealed by the bishop, Jatton, iiii id. August the same year.

R.III. f. 366*d*. Reg. Drokensford, Somerset Record Soc. i. 290.

Sentence in favour of Walter archdeacon of Wells, that he is entitled by the statutes to his share of the residue of the common goods at the end of the year, if he has been in residence half the year, continuously or at intervals. Dated Fynnemere, Thursday the feast of St. Lawrence 1290.

R.III. f. 366*d*.

Commission by R. bishop of Bath and Wells to Master Henry Hesee his official to pronounce sentence, in the form enclosed, between Walter archdeacon of Wells and his opponents, touching the distribution of the common goods among canons resident in Wells. Dated Fynemere, iiii id. August 1290.

R.III. f. 367.

Answer of John de Wambergh canon of Wells to a citation received from the dean and chapter of Wells, dated the last day of April, to be present at a special chapter on the next lawful day after the octave of Trinity, stating that he is unable to obey because neither the place, nor a fixed day, nor the year is inserted in the said citation. Dated Wauton, 3 June.

R.III. f. 367.

Indenture of agreement made 1242, between Sir Robert rector of Cumptone and Sir John Bretasche the elder, whereby the rector licences a chapel erected by the said Sir John in his court of Trubbewell, upon condition that such chapel be subject to the mother church of Compton, that the chaplain shall be presented to the rector and by him to the archdeacon of Bath to be admitted, and in their presence shall swear fealty to the rector and to save him harmless so far as in him lies, that the lords and ladies of the said place with their household shall in due course three times a year on the principal feasts visit the church of Empnete, which is a chapel of the mother church of Compton, if they be dwelling there ; that then they shall have licence to hear divine service in their said chapel, provided the chaplain pay to the parson all obventions therein. Assent of J. bishop of Bath, Master H. Tesson archdeacon of Bath, Nicholas patron of the said church, and R. the rector aforesaid.

R.III. f. 367*d*.

Recital and confirmation by S. archbishop of Canterbury primate of all England and cardinal of the church of Rome, dated May 1226, of a charter of William Briwer giving to Joscelin bishop of Bath the advowson of Melverton.

R.III. f. 368. For the charter see f. 382*d* ; below p. 489.

Quitclaim by Alan de Kyngeston, lord of a moiety of the manor of Codeworth, to St. Andrew and the dean and chapter of Wells, of his commons of 3*d*. which he used to take daily in the

said church in the days of his coming to the city of Wells. Dated Wells, 8 November 24 Edward III. Witnesses: Master William de Lutleton (Lyttleton) precentor of Wells, Master Stephen de Hull, Master Henry de Folham canons of Wells, Ralph de Tyderleigh, Hugh atte Chapele.

R.III. f. 368*d.*: repeated f. 369*d.* and f. 374*d.*

Indenture of demise by Richard Harewell canon of Wells to John Veysy of Schirborn and Edith his wife for their lives, of a messuage with a mill thereto adjoining in Shyrborn in the lordship of Lutton and a croft with meadows, feedings, pastures and appurtenances, as fully as Robert Schirborn held the same, at a yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.*, doing suit of court twice a year at Michaelmas and Easter, and paying a heriot upon the decease of either, with warranty. Witnesses: John Knyght, John Strode, Robert Wynde. Dated Lutton, Monday after Trinity 48 Edward III.

R.III. f. 370.

Agreement made, by assent of Rainald bishop of Bath and the chapter of Wells, between Thomas archdeacon of Wells and Stephen de Tornaco canon of the prebend of Witchirch and Roger de Palton, whereby the said Thomas and Stephen his brother grant to the said Roger a watercourse 8 feet wide through the midst of their land of Witchirch, to make his mill where it used to be of old time on his land, and a piece of land on the south side to make his pond; and in exchange the said Roger gives to the canon holding the said prebend for ever land worth 2*s.* in the town of Wells, free and quit of service as he held the same, to wit the messuage which was of Simeon next by the canons' barn, and the messuage now of German the clerk adjoining thereto, also a piece of land by the watercourse in exchange for the land to be drowned; and in case the said Roger or his heirs cannot warrant the exchange, the watercourse shall remain, unless they shall content the canon of land worth 2*s.*: also the chapter of Wells grants to him and his heirs brotherhood in the prayers of their church. Sealed by the parties. Witnesses: Alexander the dean, Thomas the subdean, William the treasurer, William de Dynra, Thomas de Haselberia, Adam de Lecton, Adam Magot, Roger de Bradford, Simon de Marisco, Walter de Dunehave, Anchetill de Chiutona, Geoffrey de Sancto Mauro, Jocelin the reeve of Witchirch.

R.III. f. 370.

Gift by George Desfeble (Desfuble) to the church of St. Andrew Wells, Joscelin bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his successors, of the patronage of the church of Estun, granting that the bishop may thereof dispose as of other prebends of Wells. Witnesses: Jordan Oliveri sheriff of Somerset and Dorset, William de Moreville, Matthew de Clivedun, Richard son of Arthur, Reginald de Alta Villa, Stephen the chamberlain.

R. III. f. 270*d.* A charter in the same terms, but with these witnesses: William de Hamm' precentor of Wells, William de Husseburn, Gilbert de Tanton canons of Wells, William Traian' chaplain, Ralph de Lidiarde, Robert de Stalesfeld clerks, Reginald de Alta Villa, Stephen the chamberlain, R.III. f. 391*d.* The sheriff named held office 1239-40.

Gift by Benedict abbot of Atheling[ney] (Alingeneia) and the convent to Jocelin bishop of Bath and his successors, of the patronage of the church of Sutton. Witnesses: Richard abbot of Mich[elney], Master John de Hicford, Master Richard de Fenna, William de Mertoch, Helias de Derham, John de Hiltona chaplain, Roger de Peretona, Alexander de Lenga chaplain, Thomas de Brente clerk, Nigel de Dilintona, William de Luveny, Thomas de Stapeltona, Ralph the abbot.

R.III. f. 372*d*. A second charter to the same effect, witnessed by Richard abbot of Muchelen[ey], Master Helias de Derham, Master John de Ikeford, Master William de Well', Helias the chaplain, William de Hamm'. R.III. f. 404.

Grant by William Lungespeye to Henry de Bratton and his successors canons of Wells, that they may have and hold a close surrounded with a stone wall for coneys or other wild animals whatsoever upon their prebend of Wittchirch on the north side of Witchirch mill, so that the said William and his heirs may claim neither ingress nor egress by reason of their free chace in the county of Somerset. Witnesses: Sir John de Lessinton, Sir Henry de la Mare, Sir Jeremy de Caxton, Sir Geoffrey le Despenser, Sir Payn de la Mare, Sir Lawrence de le Brok.

R.III. f. 375.

Grant by Thomas Walensis to Joscelin bishop of Bath, that he and his successors may hold the town of Axebrigge in frank almoin quit of the said Thomas and his heirs; and quitclaim of Maurice de Gant and his heirs, in respect of their homage and service to him due. Witnesses: Gilbert de Tantun, Robert de Monte Sorell', Thomas de Altavilla, Stephen the chamberlain, William de Stok, William *de camera*.

R.III. f. 375*d*.

Proceedings in a suit between the dean and chapter of Wells and Sir Thomas atte Fenne vicar of Pokulchurche in the diocese of Worcester.

15 December 1400. Decree of John prior of the hospital of St. John Baptist Wells (deputy or commissary, with the abbot of St. Augustine by Bristol, the prior of Bruton, Master Thomas Southam archdeacon of Oxford, and Master Robert Bosoun chancellor of Exeter, of Master Ralph Tresgresion (Tresgreion) doctor of laws dean of Exeter appointed by Pope Boniface IX, by bull dated St. Peter's Rome, id. November 9 Boniface, with the dean of Salisbury and archdeacon of Gloucester, to preserve the rights of the dean and chapter,) in presence of Thomas Harewell and Thomas Barton bachelor of laws advocates of the consistory court of Wells, Richard Horsford and William Horseford notaries public, sitting in the conventual church of the said hospital, after the citation to the defendant had been read, defendant had been preconised (at the request of Master John Wycombe proctor of the dean and chapter) and appeared, and had craved a libel in writing of the allegations and counts made by the said proctor, ordering a libel to issue by Thursday after St. Thomas Ap. next,

and appointing that day for further proceedings. (Copies, commission of the dean of Exeter to the said commissaries, dated 3 April 1398, reciting the said papal bull, and the complaint of the dean and chapter that tithes obventions, etc., are wrongfully taken and withheld by clerks and laymen: return of Geoffrey White cursitor, dated 15 December 1400, to a mandate of the said commissary, dated 25 November, addressed to John Bockyng the younger and Richard Hulle vicars of Wells, John Houghlot clerk and to himself, directing them to cite defendant: and proxy dated 3 November 1395, given by Thomas de Byngham subdean and president of Wells in the dean's absence and the chapter to Thomas Nywman vicar of the cathedral church and the said John Wycombe clerk notary public.)

23 December. The parties appeared as before, and the libel was given to defendant, who made answer in the affirmative, and made oath that he would every year so long as he should be vicar pay a certain spiritual payment of 50*s*. yearly to the abbot and convent or to the sacrist of Glastonbury, sustain the charges ordinary and extraordinary of his said church, and save harmless the dean and chapter the rectors thereof. After which, the parties expressly renouncing all intermediate proceedings, the said commissary appointed Tuesday after the Epiphany to hear sentence, and the defendant made John Sprey his proctor for that purpose.

11 January. The parties appearing by their proctors, sentence pronounced by the said commissary in favour of the dean and chapter, touching the withdrawal of a yearly pension or spiritual payment of 50*s*. due to the abbot or sacrist of Glastonbury from the church of Pokulchurch and of other charges, reciting the libel aforesaid (whereby it appears that the said church is appropriated to the dean and chapter, saving the vicar's portion therein), condemning the defendant to save harmless the dean and chapter in respect of the said yearly payment, and declaring that all charges ordinary and extraordinary shall be borne by the vicar and his successors, and not by the dean and chapter.

Reduced to writing and attested by Nicholas More clerk of the diocese of Wells notary public, and sealed by the commissary.

R.III. ff. 376-379.

Proceedings before Thomas Sperte doctor of laws official of John bishop of Bath and Wells, in the consistory court of Wells, between William Colvyle rector of the prebendal church of Barton in that diocese canon of Wells and prebendary of Barton therein (by Sir Thomas Newman priest his proctor) and Sir William Bruer rector of the parish church of Kyngton Maundevyle in the same diocese (by John Aystwyke clerk his proctor).

Libel of the plaintiff, alleging that the rectors of Kyngton were bound at the foundation of that church, or at any rate before the Lateran council, to make a yearly payment of 8*s*. to the rectors of Barton, whereof they have been in possession time out of mind, and defendant was thereto bound by his corporal oath or at any rate by his pledged word, yet he has for two years past refused

to pay the same, namely 1383-4, thereby incurring sentence of excommunication [according to a constitution] in the council of Oxford beginning *Autoritate*, and that the premisses have been acknowledged in presence of the plaintiff. Defendant's proctor having replied thereto in the negative, and witnesses having been examined, sentence of the said official pronounced 18 October 1385 in favour of plaintiff, condemning defendant to pay the said pension and arrears, with 15*s*. costs; in presence of Master Lambert More and Master Thomas Harewell advocates of the consistory court.

(Copy commission of the bishop's official, dated London, iiii kal. March 1371).

Reduced to writing and attested by Robert de Wellesborne clerk of the diocese of Worcester notary public.

R.III. ff. 379*d*.-381.

Charter of William abbot of Bec and the convent, being an accord between themselves and S. bishop of Bath and Glastonbury and his church of Wells touching the church of Clive, claimed by the dean and chapter of Wells as a prebend of Wells and by the abbey as the right of their church, whereby the bishop, with consent of Alexander dean of Wells and the chapter, having made an ordinance in writing that the abbots of Bec should hold the said church as a prebend of Wells, the abbot accepts the same to possess to himself and his successors as a prebend of Wells, after the manner of the other canons (except that they shall not be bound to reside in Wells), with a stall in the choir, a place in the chapter, commons, and full brotherhood in life and death, finding a vicar ministering in the priest's office in Wells who shall receive yearly of him 4 marks and the usual allowances; and grants that the offices of humanity shall be paid for bishops of Bath at their death in the church of Bec as for their own abbots, and for canons of Wells as for their own monks. Witnesses: H. archbishop of Canterbury, Henry de Castell' archdeacon of Canterbury, Master John de Tinemue, Master William de Sumercot, John de Kenouilla, Master Edmund de Hampton, Master Richard de Alneto.

R.III. f. 381*d*.

Confirmation by Rainald 'minister of the church of Bath' of a gift made by earl de Roumara to the church of St. Andrew Wells of the church of Clive, to hold the same in frank almoin for ever. Witnesses: Master A[lexander] dean of Wells, Th[omas] archdeacon, Th[omas] subdean of Wells, Master Ralph de Lechel[ad], Jocelin the chaplain, Stephen and Thomas de Thorn[aco], Hugh de Well', Master Roger de Doueliz.

R.III. f. 382.

Gift by William Briwer to Joscelin bishop of Bath of the advowson of the church of Milverton in frank almoin, with warranty, in presence of King Henry [III], Stephen archbishop of Canterbury, Peter bishop of Winchester, Hugh bishop of Lincoln, William bishop of Exeter and Geoffrey bishop of Ely.

R.III. f. 382*d*.

Gift by Margery daughter of Robert le Marchand to John son of Philip de Insula, for his service, of her houses in Doddeleye between the house of Walter the miller and that late of Maud mother of the said Margery, also of her wood and moor, 9 acres of arable land, 2 in a field called Dunschidi, 2 in Pitthey, 1½ in Pishille, ½ in a field called Neththe, ½ in Flodlonde, two pieces in Doddeleye, ½ acre on the east side of Garsdich, ½ acre above the wood, one piece in Culvercrofte, one in Culverheye, ½ acre in Byenlond, and 2 acres of meadow in Brechmede, and her share of a dovecote, to hold of the said Margery and her heirs for ever at a yearly rent of 1*d.* at Easter, with warranty. Witnesses: William Gyan, Roger Huet, Adam de Muridon, Robert Odde, Walter Frye, Walter Franceys, John the clerk.

R.III. f. 383.

Ratification by L. dean of Wells and the chapter of a gift made by Iterius canon of Wells to Ernulf his nephew, of half a virgate of land of the prebend of Wandestreu for life, at a yearly rent of 12*d.* payable to the said Iterius and his successors canons of that prebend, the reversion to such canon after the decease of Ernulf. Done before the chapter, Wells, Wednesday after Michaelmas 1213. Present: Thomas de Tornaco precentor, Thomas the chancellor, Peter the treasurer, Master A. the subdean, S. the succentor, Master W. de Dinre.

R.III. f. 383.

Fine levied at Westminster by the king's command, on the morrow of the Ascension 22 Edward I, between Henry de Pontibus canon of Wells plaintiff, by John de (*sic*) Botiller his attorney, and Henry de Lacy earl of Lincoln and Margaret his wife deforciants, by John Turpin the earl's attorney, of the advowson of the chapel of Whyttecherche, assuring the same to the said canon and his successors, and to the prebendal church of St. Michael Hengstrigge, provided that yearly on the feast of the Assumption mass of the dead be celebrated for the said earl and countess, etc.

R.III. f. 383*d.* Somerset Record Soc. vi. 292.

Writing of Master Alexander canon of Wells, giving to R. dean of Wells and the chapter during his life all the arable land in demesne of his prebend of Hengestrigge with a moiety of the meadow thereto belonging, to wit the meadow of Rugehul, with the pasture adjoining, towards the fabric of the church of Wells, in lieu of the money he was bound to pay of his said prebend towards the building thereof; also one mark yearly of the altarage of Hengestrigge.

R.III. f. 383*d.*

Gift by Oliver de Tracy to St. Andrew Wells and Rainald bishop of Bath, of the church of Bovi for a perpetual prebend. Witnesses: Geoffrey de Wandestr[eu], Robert de Secheville, Master Robert de Geldeford, Joc' the chaplain, William de Well'

the writer, Richard the chamberlain, Oliver Albus and Nicholas the carpenter.

R.III. f. 384. (Compare pp. 41, 364 above.)

Inspeximus and confirmation by William bishop of London, of charters whereby Gilbert and Richard his predecesssors ratified the gift made by Hamon son of Geoffrey and his heir to Reginald bishop of Bath and the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the church of Scaudeford, so that the same is now for ever a prebend of Wells ; the canon paying to the bishop of London and his officials the customs after the manner of other churches, and after election by the bishop of Bath coming to the bishop of London for institution. Dated Stub[enhith], vi non. July 1207. Witnesses: Master Simon de Gloec[estria], Master Gilbert de Pleisset', Eustace de Norwico, Henry de Poterna, Master Michael de Barbefl', William de Hethfeld, Fabian de Ripton.

R.III. f. 384.

Submission by Master John Odeline canon of Wells, whose prebend is the church of Jattona, to the ordinance of the chapter of Wells, by counsel of the dean, touching the grove belonging to his said church, which he has caused to be uprooted by his own authority. Done at Wells, Friday after Pentecost 1255.

R.III. f. 384*d*.

Sentence of Edward dean of Wells, for himself and the chapter, that the conferment of holy water* of the church of Ceddre belongs to the chancellor of Wells, imposing perpetual silence touching the same upon Roger vicar of Ceddre. Done in the chapter of Wells, the morrow of St. Leonard 1258.

R.III. f. 384*d*.

Inspeximus, dated Bristol iii non. March 1284, by William bishop of Landaff and Hugh abbot of St. Augustine Bristol, of the confirmation by Gilbert bishop of London, witnessed by Ralph de Diceto archdeacon of Middlesex and others (including Master Ralph de Altabrey master of the school of London), of a grant made by Hamon son of Geoffrey and his heir after him to R. bishop of Bath and the church of St. Andrew Wells touching the advowson of the church of Scaldeford.

R.III. f. 385. (See R.I. f. 47*d*., No. clxxxvii: above p. 56.)

Gift by Hugh de Well', by assent of Jocelin bishop of Bath, to the church of St. Andrew Wells and the said bishop Jocelin, of a site (*area*) with houses in Wellis between that late of Odo and that of Nicholas de Well', to dispose thereof as of the sites and houses of the canons, with warranty. Witnesses: Hugh bishop of Lincoln, Master Ralph de Lecchel[ad] dean of Wells, Peter de Cicestria, Master Reginald de Cestria, Elias the chaplain, Roger

* The right of conferring the office or benefice of *aquæbajulus*. See Lyndwood (Oxford, 1679), pp. 142-3.

the chaplain, Master William de Well,' Richard the marshal, William de Kainesham clerk.

R.III. f. 385*d*.

Memorandum of agreement between the chapter of Wells and Master Thomas de Bedeford, made in chapter the morrow of St. Katherine 1249, namely that the cause between them touching the institution of the vicar of Jattoun be postponed in hope of an accord to the morrow of St. Hilary, on which day the parties shall appear at Salisbury by proctors to negociate or proceed; moreover, at the instance of the chapter, the sentence of excommunication and interdict sent by the archbishop to the lord [bishop] of Wells is likewise postponed, in hope of an accord between the said Thomas and the archdeacon of Tanton, which the chapter undertakes to promote.

R.III. f. 385*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by William dean of Wells and the chapter, to a gift made by Joscelin bishop of Bath to Elias the chaplain canon of Wells and parson of Cumpton, and to his church for an endowment at its dedication, of 10 acres in his moor of Cumpton, dated iii id. July 31 bishop Joscelin.

R.III. f. 388*d*.

Notification addressed by Robert ' minister of the churches of Bath and Wells' to all his parishioners, and others whose diocesans shall accept the same, of an indulgence for 40 days to all who shall visit the church of St. Andrew Wells and say the Lord's prayer with the salutation of the Virgin for the soul of William le Rous late subdean, who is buried before the altar of St. Mary Magdalen. Dated Wells, ii id. April 1290.

R.III. f. 389.

Welles, Easter day, 25 Joscelin bishop of Bath. Submission by W. archdeacon of Wells and Elias the chaplain canon of Wells of the prebend of Cumpton to the will of the said bishop, at his next coming to Somerset, touching the liberty of a portion of the said prebend called Hiwis.

R.III. f. 389*d*.

Institution by R. bishop of Bath of Thomas de Tornai as parson to the mediety of the church of Nieniz (Nunney) upon the presentation of Elias de Meisi and Geoffrey his heir. Witnesses: Richard bishop of Winchester, William de Sancta Fide precentor of Wells, Peter de Winton schoolmaster of Wells, Master Ralph de Lichel[ad], Jocelin the chaplain, Master T., Griff', Jocelin de Lisind (?), Geoffrey the clerk, Hugh the clerk, William the clerk.

R.III. f. 389*d*.

Return of G. official of the archdeacon of London, dated *quadragesima* Sunday 1248, to a mandate of the abbot of St. Augustine Bristol in the diocese of Worcester, dated Sunday

before the Purification 1248, enclosing for his inspection a bull of Pope Innocent [IV] dated Lyons x kal. July 5 Pope Innocent, with directions to the said abbot to hear and decide upon the petition of the dean and chapter of Wells (who claim the right of institution to their prebendal church of Jatton during a vacancy of the see, and complain that Master Thomas de Bedeford clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, alleging the authority of the official of Canterbury, has removed Peter the clerk, whom they so instituted to the vicarage, and instituted William a priest of Great Britain); and directing the said official to cite the said Master Thomas and W. the priest before the abbot or his deputy in the church of St. Mary the Virgin New Salisbury on the morrow of St. John *ante portam Latinam*, with notice that the dean and chapter intend to use the papal rescript concerning publication. Not finding the persons above named, he has published the above mandate in the church of Master Thomas, and caused a copy thereof to be written to the chaplain of the parish.

R.III. f. 390.

Writing under seal of Richard bishop of Winchester, testifying that William son of William son of Walter, lord of Haselberga, has in his presence given to the church of St. Andrew Wells the church of Haselberga with its appurtenances for a prebend of Wells, quit of all service and secular demand. Witnesses: Henry and John brothers of the said William de Haselberga, Albert precentor of Wells, Thomas and Richard archdeacons of Bath (*sic*), Stephen prior of Tanton, Master Geoffrey, Socrates, John de Cumba, William de Gund', Paris, Randolph the chaplain, William de Cicestria canon of Salisbury, William de Cicestria canon of Chicester, Ernald de Broch, Jordan the clerk de Turre, Jocelin de Cheddeseia, Robert de Cedena, Adam the chaplain, Peter clerk of the bishop of Bath, Alvered de Lincoln sheriff of Somerset, Robert son of Bernard, William son of Osbert, William son of Bernard, William de Turberville, Bretill Inas, Hugh de Puntchard[on], Matthew de Wallop, Werimund de Cravcur, William his brother, Richard de Chartreia, Robert de Briewes, Richard de Ralega, Hugh the butler, Gilbert de Norfolc, Raher de Alra, Bald[win] Malet, Gilbert de Torna, Robert Bulenn, Peter Turlac, Humphrey Inas, Walter Giffard, Warin de Ralega, Robert Fichet, William de Stanton, William de Burci, Adam son of Roger, Jordan de Brocht', William Puher, Bald' de Ordcherd, Adam son of Durand, Ralph son of William son of Durand, Randolph de Ralega, William de Puntchardon, Randolph de Fluri, Robert son of Thomas, William son of Walter, Andrew de Lincoln, Robert son of Acel', Richard de Lisewig', Hugh Norr', John son of Matthew de Wallop.

R.III. f. 390*d*. The sheriff named held office 1170–5; bishop Richard was consecrated in October, 1174.

Inspeximus and confirmation to John bishop of Bath and Wells and his successors by King Edward [II], dated Westminster 11 November 18 Edward [II], and witnessed by W. archbishop

of Canterbury, J. bishop of Norwich, J. bishop of Chichester, Henry de Lancastria earl of Leycestre, John de Warenna earl of Surrey, John de Hastyngges and Richard Dammori steward of the king's household, of the following charters :—

A grant of King John to the churches of Wells and Bath and to bishop Joscelin, of all the possessions, dignities, liberties, etc. conferred upon them by the king, his ancestors or others ; dated Gaydinton, 3 March 8 John. (See R. III. f. 2 : above p. 305.)

An *inspeximus* and confirmation by King Henry III, dated Westminster 4 February 11 Henry III, and witnessed by Eustace bishop of London and others named, of a licence by King Richard I to bishop Reginald, dated 26 November 1 Richard I, to keep hounds for the chase in all Somerset. (See R. I. f. 15*d.* : above p. 14.)

A grant of King Henry III to bishop Joscelin of the manors of Winescumbe, Pukeleschirch, Blacford and Craunemere, one knight's fee in Camelertun, and the advowsons of Aissebiry, Cristemelford, Kyngton, Bokeland and Camelerton ; dated 22 January 11 Henry III. (See R. III. f. 99*d.* : above p. 359.)

An *inspeximus* and confirmation by King Henry III, dated 9 May 12 Henry III, and witnessed by E. bishop of London and others named, of a charter of King John giving to Hugh archdeacon of Wells (at that time bishop of Lincoln) the manors of Ceddre and Axebrug with the hundreds of Winterstok and Ceddre (See *Rot. Chart.* p. 129) ; a charter of the said bishop of Lincoln (while yet archdeacon) giving to Thomas Walensis the town of Axebrugh, confirmed by King John ; a charter of the said Thomas giving the same town to Maurice de Gant ; a charter of the said Maurice giving and quitclaiming the same town to bishop Joscelin ; a charter of the said bishop of Lincoln to bishop Joscelin, granting the same quit of suit of the foreign hundred and of half a mark yearly ; and a charter of Thomas Walensis to bishop Joscelin thereof, with quitclaim of the said Maurice and his heirs.

A charter of King Henry III, dated 11 June 15 Henry III, witnessed by Walter bishop of Carlisle the treasurer and others named, granting to bishop Joscelin and his successors in frank almoin certain liberties in their manor of Ceddre (as in R. III. f. 1 : above p. 305), with quittance for their men from lawing of dogs and from toll, saving the toll of tenants who do not hold of the bishop in chief. (See Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 133.)

A charter of the same king, dated Oxford 15 July 15 Henry III, granting to bishop Joscelin and his successors that at whatever time of the year they may die, they shall have their fruits until Michaelmas. (See R.III. ff. 340*d*, 348 : above p. 471.)

A charter of the same king to bishop Joscelin, dated Fuleham 15 May 13 Henry III, witnessed by Richard bishop

of Durham and others named, disafforesting his manor of Cungresbury.

A charter of the same king, dated Westminster 14 October 18 Henry III, witnessed by E. archbishop of Canterbury, etc., (as in the charter of this date recited above, ff. 265–6, p. 438), granting to the churches of Wells and Bath and to bishop Joscelin all their lands and liberties (as in R. III. f. 1 : above p. 305.)

R.III. ff. 392-397.

Gift by Joan Perceval, late the wife of Sir Roger Percevall knight, lady of Carmeton, in her widowhood, to John bishop of Bath and Wells, his heirs and assigns whatsoever, of 2 acres of her arable land in name of glebe and the advowson of the church of Exford, of which land one acre called Wydy acre lies on a hill called Sporehull on the east side by land of Thomas de Mersshwode, the other on the said hill on the south side between land of the said Joan and of Mariot de Alre within the parish of Carmeton, in consideration of 40*l.* fully paid, with warranty. Witnesses : Sir Andrew Luterel, Sir Henry de Glaston knights, John de Ralegh, Ralph Fitzurse, Walter de Meryet, Richard de Wyndesore, Roger le Walle, John de Membury. Dated Carmeton, Monday after St. Lucy 1319.

R.III. f. 398.

Gift by Philip de Drokenesford, brother and heir of John de Drokenesford late bishop of Bath and Wells, to John de Godelee and Sir Hamelin his brother, of 2 acres of arable land in the town of Carmeton with the advowson of the parish church of Exeford, which his said brother had of the gift of Joan who was wife of Roger Percevall knight, to hold to the said John and Hamelin, their heirs and assigns, rendering to the chief lords the services due and accustomed, with warranty. Witnesses : Sir John de Clyvedon the elder, Sir John de Erlegh, Sir Ralph de Fizhours, Sir Hugh de Langelonde knights, John de Durburgh, John le Jeu. Dated Drokenesford, Saturday St. Peter *ad vincula* 6 Edward III.

R.III. f. 398*d.*

Indenture of agreement made between Peter dean of Wells and the chapter, William de Ralegh canon of the prebend of Wandestreu and the men thereof on the one part, and William Witheng on the other, whereby the said William quitclaims to the other parties 2*s.* 6*d.* which he used to take every other year of the said men in name of herbage of a field called Wythrichesham, so that they shall have common of pasture thereon every other year quit of all demands ; and they grant that the said William and his heirs may enclose his wood called Munekeswude, so that their cattle and swine cannot enter therein, and if they enter by defect of enclosure they may not be impounded : submission of William Witheng to the archdeacon of Wells to enforce this agreement. Witnesses : Thomas de Cirencestria sheriff of Somerset, William de Stratton, Henry de Karevill, Bartholomew

de Emnelig' knights, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wyka, Ralph Magot, John de Winton clerk.

R.III. f. 399*d*. The sheriff named held office at various dates between 1228 and 1237.

Essex. Assize at Stratford, Tuesday the octave of the Nativity of the Virgin 49 Henry III, before N. de Turry and William de Hammelton, between Walter bishop of Bath and Wells plaintiff and Constance de Ba neulle (guardian of the land and heir of Hamon son of Richard) defendant, upon a writ of *darrein presentment*, concerning the advowson of Schaudeford. Plaintiff says that the now king, during the vacancy of the see, presented John Maunsel his clerk to the said church as to a prebend of Wells, who was admitted and instituted, and died parson thereof. Defendant does not appear. Verdict for plaintiff; the jury adding that they have seen three parsons presented thereto as to a prebend of Wells by the bishop before the said John. Judgment for plaintiff.

R.III. f. 399*d*.

Gift by William Flandr[ensis] of Dinra to Joscelin bishop of Bath of the advowson of Dinra. Witnesses: Robert abbot of Glastonbury, Faramus de Bononia, Roger Tyrel knights, Thomas de Altavilla, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wyke, Walter de Reygni, Thomas de Palton, Gilbert Gymel.

R.III. f. 403*d*.

Undertaking by John Odeline canon of Wells and rector of Jatton to save harmless the chapter of Wells concerning their confirmation and admission, upon his collation, of Peter Ameline to the vicarage of Jatton, which Master William de Lincolnia the chancellor, Nicholas the succentor, Master Luke de Membury and Robert de Marisco, the canons then present, desired to postpone, but yielded to the said rector's representations. Done in the chapter of Wells, Saturday the Innocents' day 1247.

R.III. f. 404.

Charter (in Latin) of Cynewlf king of the West Saxons or Gewisi, giving to St. Andrew, to augment the monastery by the great spring called Wielea, a portion of land, namely two hides upon the river Weluue, with bounds (including a valley called Asancumb, a hill called Sornhil, and a brook called Sealtbroc). Dated 776. Witnesses: bishops Herewald and Cruehard (?) and others named.

R.III. f. 404*d*. Birch, *Cart. Sax.* i. 283, No 200: *Mon. Angl.* ii. 285: Kemble, *Cod. Dipl.* No cxv, iii. p. 372.

Inspeximus and confirmation by King Edward III (by the hand of his son Edward duke of Cornwall and earl of Chester, guardian of England), dated Wyndesore 12 October 13 Edward III, and witnessed by R. bishop of London the chancellor and others

named, of an *inspeximus* and confirmation by King Henry III, dated Westminster 12 February 11 Henry III, and witnessed by Eustace bishop of London and others named (See Charter Rolls, *Cal.* p. 8), of a charter of King John, dated Bristol 10 September 7 John, granting to the church of St. Andrew Wells and the canons the manor, hundred and church of Northcory with the land of Haccha and Wrentise, in accordance with grants previously made by King Richard I, and by the said John while count of Mortain ; and a market at Northcory every Wednesday. Further grant by King Edward of a market at Northcory every Tuesday, in lieu of the market they previously had, and a fair to last three days every year, namely the vigil, feast and morrow of St. Peter *ad vincula*.

R.III. f. 405. (See R.I. ff. 9, 10*d*.: above pp. 6, 8).

Charter of King Edward [II] granting to William Malerbe (at the instance of Richard Louell) a market every Monday at his manor of Shipham county Sumerset, and a fair every year lasting three days, namely the vigil, feast and morrow of St. Leonard. Witnesses : J. bishop of Chichester and others named. Dated Westminster, 5 June 2 Edward [II].

R.III. f. 406*d*.

Inspeximus and exemplification under the seal of the Exchequer by King Henry [IV], tested by W. Forde, Westminter, 27 February 3 Henry [IV], for the archdeacon of Wells, at the prosecution of the king's clerk John de Iklyngton one of the chamberlains at the receipt of his Exchequer, of an entry in a book of fees of the time of King Edward I (remaining in the Exchequer for evidence, not of record), stating that in the hundred of Northcury the canons of Wells hold the manor of Northcury of the king in almoin, of the gift of King Richard.

R.III. f. 408.

Gift by Walter Rotard to Walter de Purle canon of Wells, for his homage and service, of half an acre of arable land in the town of Ceddre by the court of the canons of Wells on the west side, to hold to the said canon and his assigns of the grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of 1*d*., with warranty, in consideration of 20*s*., half a seam of wheat and half a seam of barley. Witnesses : William Bucke, William Harald, Robert son of Walter, William de Aur', William de Clafford, Roger Harald, Robert de Woky, Henry Coppe.

R.III. f. 408*d*.

Letter of attorney by Hugh Sugar treasurer of Wells, John Waynesford subdean, Thomas Mershe canon residentiary, Thomas Chue (Chewe), Richard Hayne and John Menyman vicars of the new close of Wells, to John Combe vicar of the new close aforesaid and Nicholas Gibbons, to enter and take seisin of the manors of Chedder and Shepham and the advowson of Shepham to them

given by charter of Master Richard Swan clerk provost of Wells. Dated 7 September 18 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 409.

Letter of attorney by Richard Swan clerk provost of Wells to John Hille vicar of the new close of Wells, to give seisin of the manors of Chedder and Shepham and the advowson of Shepham to the treasurer, subdean, canon and vicars above named. Dated 7 September 18 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 409.

Gift by Richard Swan clerk provost of Wells (feoffee jointly with John Pope clerk deceased of Thomas de Bekintona deceased late bishop of Bath and Wells) to Master Hugh Sugar treasurer of Wells, Master John Waynesford subdean, Master Thomas Mershe canon residentiary, Thomas Chue, Richard Hayne and John Manyman vicars of the new close of Wells, of the manors of Chedder and Shepham in county Somerset together with the advowson of Shepham, purchased by the said late bishop of Margaret late the wife of the Lord Hungerford deceased, daughter and heir of the Lord de Botreaux and Mules. Witnesses: Richard Chok knight one of the justices of the Common Bench, Reginald Stourton, John Newton, Nicholas Seyntlo knights, Robert Stowell, John Bykonell, John Hugons esquires. Dated Wells, 7 September 18 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 409*d*.

Exemplification, tested by Robert Danby at Westminster 11 May 3 Edward IV, of proceedings before the justices at Westminster in Easter term 3 Edward IV (*de Banco*, roll 266), upon a writ of right, tested at Westminster 20 April that year, (Robert Stawell esquire the chief lord having remised his court,) between Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells plaintiff, and Margaret widow of Robert Lord Hungerford (daughter and heir of William Lord Botreaux and Mules) defendant, being a common recovery of the manors of Chedder and Shepham and the advowson of Shepham: Nicholas Rotherey vouchee, Walter Parys attorney for plaintiff, Richard Brugge for defendant, John Dene, Thomas Bole sureties for plaintiff.

R.III. f. 410.

Quitclaim by Margaret widow of Robert Lord Hungerford (daughter and heir of William Lord Botreaux and Mules) to Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells, of the manors of Chedder and Shepham with the advowson of Shepham, whereof the said bishop was seised already by virtue of her charter, with warranty. Witnesses: Richard Chocke one of the justices of the Bench, Walter Rodenay knight, Robert Stowell, John Fitziames, Thomas Seyntbarbe esquires. Dated 29 April 3 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 411.

Feoffment by Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells to John Pope and Richard Swan clerks, of the manors of Chedder and Shepham with the advowson of Shepham (late acquired as above), with warranty. Witnesses: Richard Chocke one of the justices of the Bench, Walter Rodeney, knight, William Brocas, Thomas Rodenay, Thomas Dauberychecourt esquires. Dated 5 August 4 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 411*d*.

Letter of attorney by John Pope and Richard Swan clerks to Thomas Nete and John Palle, to take seisin of the manors of Chedder and Shepham with the advowson of Shepham of Walter Parys and Hugh Forster or one of them. Dated 15 October 4 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 411*d*.

Letter of attorney by Margaret late wife of Robert Lord Hungerford (daughter and heir of William Lord Botreaux and Mules) in her widowhood, to Thomas Rodenay and Robert Halsewell esquires and John Dancastre, to give seisin of the manors and advowson above named to Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells. Dated 22 April 3 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 412.

Acquittance by the same Margaret to the aforesaid bishop for 280*l*. in full payment for the manors and advowson above named, which descended to her by the death of William Botreaux her father, and which she sold for the ransom of Robert Hungerford knight her son, lately captured in the duchy of Aquitaine. Dated 23 April 3 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 412.

Gift by the same Margaret to the aforesaid bishop of the manors and advowson above named, which descended to her as above, with warranty. Witnesses: Richard Chocke justice and others (as in the quitclaim above). Dated 22 April 3 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 412*d*.

Letter of attorney by Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells to Walter Parys and Hugh Forster, to give seisin of the manors and advowson above named to John Pope and Richard Swan clerks. Dated 5 August 4 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 413.

Letter of attorney by the same bishop to John Fitz James esquire, John Touker and John Wisdam, to take seisin of the manors and advowson above named from Margaret widow of Robert Lord Hungerford. Dated 26 April 3 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 413.

Return of the tenants of the manors of Chedder and Shepham, taken by John Pope and Richard Swan clerks on the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude 4 Edward IV; on which day Walter Reve

and others named appeared and did fealty for Chedder, John Groveman, John Coke and Robert Hill for Shepham.

Rental of Chedder :—
Richard Lange, John Mayde, Thomas Hochyn, Agnes Hayward, William Batte, John Wynscombe, William Hayward, John Hochyn, John Crymer, Agnes Tarry, Thomas Palle, John Ray, Alice Webbe, Henry Roo, John Foke, Richard Croker, William Baker, John Coke, and Thomas Buxty hold each one tenement, at yearly rents varying from 5*s.* to 4*d.*; Thomas Shete one tenement and mill, 46*s.* 8*d.*; William Lange one tenement and two gardens; John Palle two tenements, rent 12*s.* 8*d.*; John Smyth, one tenement in Draycot; John Coppe, one in Cassecleff, rent 6*s.* Rents are also due from Walter Reve and John Maunsell for land, Henry Roo and John Stacy jointly, William Seward, John Stacy and John Newton. After Thomas Palle comes the entry: *Item boxis curte redd' per annum xs.*

The following hold by knight service: Sir Walter Rodenay knight, Dame Isabel Cheddre, and 'fresuters' named John Maunsell, Richard Payne, William Taverner, Walter Kyng, William Hayward, John Stacy, Agnes Tarry, Walter Reve, Henry Roo, Thomas Pereson, John Credenall, Henry Wikis, Richard Harris, Henry Roo and John Stacy (joint), John Smyth of Chedder, John Pricat.

Overland is held by John More, Geoffrey Clerke, John Lewys, John Bole, William Wynscombe, William Hawe, John Wynscombe, John Browne, William Webbe, William Wynscombe (meadow), John Mayde, Isabel Tarry.

R.III. ff. 413*d.*, 414.

Proceedings in a suit between Thomas bishop of Bath and Wells plaintiff and John Nedersole defendant, concerning a messuage and garden in Wells, whereof the defendant's service is in arrear.

Writ of *cessavit per biennium*, tested at Westminster, 1 October 1 [Edward IV].

Writ of *cape*, tested by R. Danby, Westminster, 23 January 1 [Edward IV]. (Reference to roll 215, letter S.)

Writ of *venire facias* (under the statutes of Westminster the second, 13 Edw. I, *cap.* 32), tested by the same, Westminster, 23 June 2 [Edward IV]. (Reference to roll 388).

Jury panel of 24 names, headed by Thomas Lyte esquire: of whom 16 sworn.

Record of pleas at Westminster, before Robert Danby and others justices of the Bench, Hilary term 2 Edward IV (roll 388). Defendant not appearing, the bishop recovered seisin by default. But for fear of collusion to evade the statute of mortmain, execution was postponed, a jury summoned to pronounce upon the bishop's right, and the property seized into the king's hand. Afterwards on Monday after the close of Easter at Wells, before Richard Chock one of the justices of the Bench and Richard Brugge, a special jury say that defendant holds the property in question

of the bishop, in right of his church, by fealty, suit of his manor court of Welles every three weeks, and a yearly rent of 12*d.*; that bishop Joscelin was seized of these services in the time of King Henry III by the hands of Thomas Bockyng' then tenant, and so were his predecessors and successors time out of mind; that the yearly value is 12*d.*; and that there is no collusion.

R.III. ff. 415*d.*, 416.

Lease by Robert Malherbe lord of Shippeham to William le Walshe and Sarah his wife (daughter of Henry Simond) for their life, of a tenement which Henry Lonehyue held of him, doing yearly to grantor and his heirs the services due and accustomed, except 'revewike' and 'wredwardwyke.' Witnesses: Hugh Malherbe, William Wryntred (*sic*), William Malherbe, Philip Simond, Robert the clerk.

R.III. f. 416*d.*

Quitclaim and abjuration in the full hundred of Ceddre, in consideration of 7 marks, by Henry de Cunteville to Robert Malerbe, his heirs or assigns, of half a virgate of land in Sipeham and pasture for 248 sheep, as contained in a charter to the said Henry made by Robert Malerbe father of the said Robert. Witnesses: Walter the chamberlain of Wells, Robert de Cunteville, Nicholas de Cunteville, Robert parson of Lockestun, Walter de Ceddre, William son of Walter, William de la Burne, Gervase Mal[erbe], William de Clafford, Simon son of Henry.

R.III. f. 417.

Letter of attorney by John de Clyvedon (son of Sir Matthew de Clyvedon knight) and Mary de Drokenesford his wife to John Dacre, to take seisin of lands and tenements in the town of Schepham by gift of Sir Matthew, and the homage and fealty of the tenants, free and villein. Dated Alre, Friday after St. John *ante portam Latinam* 12 Edward II.

R.III. f. 417.

Quitclaim by John Southerman called Hanekyn de la Barowe to Conrad de Afflyn, his heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., in Chippeham, Barwe and Langelborowe. Witnesses: Thomas Bubbe, Roger Teyntor, John Gode, John de Cokelborgh, Adam Holebrok. Dated Chippeham, Saturday after the Purification 30 Edward III. (In margin, erroneously: the manor of Scheppeham).

R.III. f. 417*d.*

Quitclaim by Robert Wrenthe of Samford to Sir Robert Malerbe his heirs or assigns of the pasture of his beasts in the manor of Shippeham upon the hill called Smaldon. Witnesses: John le Denys, Hugh Malerbe, William Wyntred, William Malerbe, Philip son of Simon. Dated Shipham, St. Mary Magdalen 11 Edward.

R.III. f. 417*d.*

Writing indented of John Pope and Richard Swan clerks, reciting a demise by them made to the dean and chapter of Wells, their successors and assigns for 50 years, of the manor and advowson of Schepham (which they had by feoffment of Thomas de Bekyntona bishop of Bath and Wells, who purchased the same of Margaret Hungerford, widow of Sir Robert Hungerford, daughter and heir of William Lord de Botreaux and Mules) at a yearly rent of 40*s.*, with power to distrain for arrears or to reenter in default of distraint; and confirming the estate of the dean and chapter, to have and to hold the said manor and advowson to them and their successors for ever, with warranty. Sealed by the parties. Witnesses: Richard Chock one of the king's justices of the Common Bench, Reginald Stourton, William Powlet knights, Thomas Rodenay, Robert Stowell, Richard Hampton, Richard Artur' esquires. Dated 9 January 7 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 418.

Release and quitclaim by John Pope and Richard Swan clerks to Master William Witham dean of Wells and the chapter and their successors for ever, of the manor and advowson of Schepham, and also of the manor of Chedder in Chedder county Somerset, to the use and support of the vicars choral of the cathedral church, with warranty. Witnesses: Richard Chock one of the king's justices of the Common Bench, Reginald Stourton, William Paulet knights, Robert Stowell, Richard Hampton, Richard Artur', John Newton. Dated 9 November 9 Edward IV.

R.III. f. 419.

Gift by Agnes de Stratford (daughter and heir of Thomas de Stratford) in her widowhood to Thomas Kempe, of her lands and tenements in le Barwe which she inherited by the death of Richard son and heir of John Galewayn in the hundred of Chipham, with warranty. Witnesses: William Caileway, John de Deurle (*sic*), Thomas Dobbe, Henry de Dudeston (*sic*), John de Cokkelborowe. Dated le Barwe, Saturday St. Valentine's day 23 Edward III.

R.III. f. 419*d.*

Bond of Thomas le Clerk (son and heir of Richard le Clerk of Chippham) to Philip Wyndhull of Northlangele and Alice his wife, their heirs and assigns, to warrant them as well certain crofts at le Hefdstok between le Holdbury and the high road to Chippham, which they have by charter of the said Thomas, as common of pasture for all their cattle in the fields of Langele Burell and Hardemysh (*sic*), or to pay 20*l.* Dated Chippeham, the morrow of the Purification 39 Edward III. (In margin, erroneously: Shepham).

R.III. f. 420.

Lease by John de Clyvedon knight lord of Alre to Richard Hendibody and Margery his wife for their lives, of a tenement in Schepham formerly held of him by Richard le Fleyshackare with land and meadow adjoining, at a yearly rent of one double rose at

Midsummer for all demands, saving the king's service, suit of his court of Schepeham twice a year, and saving the enclosure of Corymalet park, with warranty. Witnesses: John Payn, Andrew Symond, Peter Gentilcorps, John Drayton, Andrew Fremond. Dated Alre, Sunday after St. Luke 28 Edward III.

R.III. f. 420.

Quitclaim by Peter de la Huese to John de Sancto Laudo and Joan his wife, of 6 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in Chippeham, claimed by him in the court of Chippeham by the king's writ of right according to the custom of the manor, prosecuted in form of a writ of entry; also of a croft called Syhomescrofte in the town of Chippeham. Dated Chippeham, Saturday before St. Edmund K. 6 Edward. (In margin, erroneously: Schepeham).

R.III. f. 420*d*.

Gift by Philip Wyndhull to Sir John de Sancto Laudo knight the elder of all his crofts at Hevedstok between le Holdebury and the king's highway to Chippeham, with warranty. Dated Hardynhiwichis, Sunday after St. Peter and St. Paul 39 Edward III. Witnesses: John Kaynel, Thomas Bolchide, Nicholas de Hall'. (In margin, erroneously: Schepham).

R.III. f. 421.

Lease by Margery Malherbe to Sir Matthew de Clyvedon knight of all her houses within the court of Schepham, to hold with curtilage, garden, etc. (to her assigned in name of her dower in Schepham), during her life, in exchange for 40*s*. annual rent to her assigned in Ceddre and Carsclyve, with power to either party to reenter should the exchange not take effect, and warranty. Witnesses: John de Barthon, Roger de Hanham, William Attehall clerk, Henry de Merdlaund, Thomas de Pauys, Gilbert Michell. Dated Schepham, Sunday before St. Thomas Ap. 15 Edward II.

R.III. f. 421.

Gift by Isabel le Eyre (daughter and heir of Walter le Eyre of Barwe) to Thomas Kempe and Alice his wife, of all her lands and tenements in Barwe, with warranty. Witnesses: William Kayleway, Thomas Robbe (*sic*), John Bourle (*sic*), Henry de Bideston, John de Cokelborwe, John Endford, Adam Hickus, Dated la Barwe by Langele Burel, Friday after the Epiphany 22 Edward III. (In margin, erroneously: Shepham).

R.III. f. 421*d*.

Gift indented by John de Clyvedon (son and heir of Sir Matthew de Clyvedon knight) to Simon de Nyweton for his service, of 8*s*. 2*d*. yearly rent in Shepham, which Ralph de Burleghs used to pay him for a messuage and half a virgate of land held of him for life in Shipham; and also the reversion of the same messuage and land after the death of the said Ralph; to hold of grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of one rose for all demands saving the king's

service, with warranty. Witnesses: Robert atte Boxe, William Malerbe, John son of Philip Symond, John de Bartone, Ralph de Farleghe, John de Guyene. Dated Kyngesalre, Wednesday St. Simon and St. Jude 6 Edward.

R.III. f. 422.

Lease by William Lord Botreaux to John Broun for life of his manor of Shepham with the appurtenances, except the advowson, fines, heriots, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, woods, strays, and amercements of tenants for default of repairs, saving to the said John housbote, heybote, foldbote and firebote in grantor's wood called Southparokes, at a yearly rent of 106*s.* 8*d.* for all demands, save the rights of the church and the king's tax when it runs, with warranty. Witnesses: John Pile, Thomas Carmynowe, Walter Percevale. Dated Nyweton Seyntlo, Saturday after St. Kalixtus 6 Henry V.

R.III. f. 422.

Quitclaim by Adam Malerbe to Robert Malerbe and his heirs of 6 acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in the town of Loxtone (which he had of the gift of Hawise de Sparkeford), in exchange for 8 acres of arable land, two dwellings (*mansionibus*) and a croft in the town of Shepham. Witnesses: Hugh Malerbe, Henry Sim[ond], William de Cleford, Nicholas de Blakemore, Geoffrey Vassall.

R.III. f. 422*d.*

Letter of attorney by Matthew de Clyvedon knight to Walter de Boley, to give seisin of lands and tenements in the town of Schepham to his son John de Clyvedon and Mary his wife. Dated Alre, Friday after St. John *ante portam Latinam* 12 Edward II.

R.III. f. 423.

Sale by Matthew de Clyvedon knight to his eldest son John de Clyvedone and Mary de Drokenesford his wife, of all his goods moveable or immovable in the manor of Shepham (which manor he has already given them by charter), in consideration of 40 marks paid. Dated Alre, Friday after St. John *ante portam Latinam*, 11 May 12 Edward II.

R.III. f. 423.

Assignment and quitclaim by William Anlak to Sir Robert Malerbe lord of Shepham and his heirs, of the rent and service which Robert Anlak used to pay for a tenement held of him in Dreycote, so that the same shall be held of Sir Robert immediately as chief lord. Witnesses: Hugh Malherbe, Thomas de Hanam, William de Hanam, Robert son of William, William de Cruce.

R.III. f. 423.

Quitclaim by John (Joh'eus ?) de Dourle (*sic*) to John de Sancto Laudo and Joan his wife of a croft called Syhomescrofte in the town of Chippeham. Witnesses: Adam Hardyng, Richard le

Clerke, John le Chepman, Henry le Mareschall, John de Eneford. Dated Chippeham, Saturday before St. Edmund K. 6 Edward. (In margin, erroneously: Shepham).

R.III. f. 423*d*.

Gift by Robert Malherbe to Sarah his daughter for her service, of half a virgate of land which Maude de Wonford held, to hold to her and her heirs of grantor and his heirs freely etc., at a yearly rent of 1*lb*. of cumin for all service saving the king's. Witnesses: Gervase de Sparkeford, Odo de Wandestr[eu], Richard de Cumb', Walter son of William, Reginald de Albemar', Ralph de Toreun, Adam de Ponte, William son of Gilbert.

R.III. f. 423*d*.

Letter of attorney by John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter to Roger Wodehele and John Cole canons of Wells, to take seisin of lands, rents, etc., in Edeston and Stokegurci county Somerset from John Storthwayt, John Codeford and John Reynold clerks, in accordance with a charter by them made to the dean and chapter. Dated the chapter house Wells, 1 June 8 Henry VI.

R.III f. 424.

Gift indented by Thomas Strecche (brother and heir of Robert Strecche) to John Vernay, of all lands and tenements in Edeston or elsewhere in the parish of Stokegurci which came to him by the death of his said brother; also the reversion of lands and tenements in Edeston by him assigned in dower to Alice widow of the said Robert (namely the tenement wherein the said Robert dwelt, a close of land thereto annexed called Stondelf, a meadow called Galdewynmede (*sic*), a close of land called Newclos, one acre of land in a field called Langfeud, 5 acres of land in the same field, one third of his wood of Edeston and of his land opposite the wood), provided that if the said Alice die in the life time of the said Thomas, the said John shall grant him for life the tenements held by her as aforesaid rent free; to have and to hold the said lands and tenements of the chief lords, at a yearly rent to the said Thomas and his assigns during his life of 13*s*. 4*d*. Warranty by grantor. Witnesses: Walter Bluet knight, Richard Amis prior of Stokegurcy, John Bakeler, Ralph Piers, John Marys. Dated Edeston, Monday after the Purification 12 Richard II.

R.III f. 424.

Gift by Richard Sherfeld and John Blast to Hugh Cary, Philip Ammotesham, Ralph Cowfold and Henry Pyncowe and to their heirs for ever, of all their lands, etc., in Edeston, Stofordfeld and Stokegurci which were late of Ralph Vernay. Witnesses: Robert Hille of Spaxton, William Powlet, John Kenne of Blakemore, John Dodyngton, John Beere. Dated Stokecurcy, Wednesday after St. John *ante portam Latinam* 8 Henry V.

R.III. f. 425.

Quitclaim by James Knotteford, Nicholas Latemere, John Hiwlot, Robert Skerne, Richard Bannebury and Richard Fust to Richard Sherfild and John Blast, their heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., which they lately had jointly with the said Richard and John by gift of Ralph Vernay in Edeston, Stofordfeld and Stokecursy. Witnesses : Robert Hull, William Paulet, Matthew Coker, William Gosse, William Hastyng, Dated London, 10 April 8 Henry V.

R.III. f. 425.

Quitclaim by John Verney (son and heir of John Verney) to John Huelet, Robert Skerne, John Blaste and Richard Sherfeld, their heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., late of Ralph Verney his brother in Edeston, Stofordfeld and Stokecurcy. Witnesses: William Poulet of Bere, William Cosse, William Hastyng, John Gelampton, Henry Pyncow. Dated Stokecurcy, 14 November 5 Henry V.

R.III. f. 425*d*.

Letter of attorney by Thomas Strecche (brother and heir of Robert Strecche) to Richard Amys prior of Stokecurcy and Sir Henry Hillacre chaplain, to deliver to John Verney his heirs and assigns seisin of lands, etc., in Edeston or elsewhere in the parish of Stokurcy which he lately had of the said Thomas by charter of feoffment. Dated Edyston, Monday after the Purification 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 425*d*.

Quitclaim by Ralph Vernay to Richard Shyrefeld, John Blast, John Halsham, James Knotford, Nicholas Latymer, John Huelet, Robert Skerne, Richard Bainebury, John Bradebrigge, John Furby and Richard Fuste, of all messuages, lands, etc., with the reversion of lands and tenements held in dower by Alice widow of Robert Strecche, in Edeston in the parish of Stokecursy ; also of messuages, lands, etc., in Stovordfeld by the cross above Edelmesdon, and half a burgage in the town of Stokecursy (now held by Richard Davy)—all late of John Vernay the elder, father of the said Ralph, and in the hundred of Canyngton, which the said Ralph lately had of the gift of John Bakelere, Robert Pym chaplain and Peter Coker chaplain—with warranty. Witnesses : John Willyng vicar of Stokecursy, William Lucas, Henry Pyncov, John Bolney, Nicholas Crandon, Walter Bolney, Walter Tribon. Dated Stokecursey, Tuesday after St. Matthew 11 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 426.

Gift by Lucy Redmore (sister and heir of Robert and Thomas Strecche) to John Vernay, of all her lands and tenements in Edeston or elsewhere in the parish of Stokecursy, which came to her by the death of Thomas her brother ; and grant of the reversion of lands and tenements in Edeston by her assigned in dower to Alice widow of the said Robert (namely the tenement in which he dwelt, a close thereto annexed called Stondelf, a meadow

called Baldewynmede, a close called Neweclos, one acre of land in a field called Langefeud, 5 acres in the said field, one third of her wood of Edeston and of her land opposite the wood), with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Bluwet knight, Richard Ramys (*sic*) prior of Stokecurcy, John Bakeler, Ralph Pers, John Mareys. Dated Edeston, Friday before St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 426*d*.

Quitclaim by John Deye of Stokelond and Joan his wife (relict of Michael de Ediston) to John Verney lord of Fayrefild, his heirs or assigns, of the dower of the said Joan in all messuages, lands, etc., in Ediston in the parish of Stokecursy formerly of Michael her husband, in consideration of 5 marks 6*s*. 8*d*.; and for further security oath upon a missal, made in presence of Richard Amys prior of Stokecursy, William Horton vicar there, Henry Hilleacre chaplain, John Bakeler, Ralph Perys, William Lucays, and Godfrey Dyere. Dated Stokecursy, Tuesday after St. Peter *ad vincula* 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 427.

Letter of attorney by Lucy Rodemore (sister and heir of Robert and Thomas Strecche) to Richard Amys prior of Stokecurcy and Sir Henry Hyllacre chaplain, to deliver seisin to John Verney, his heirs and assigns, of lands, etc., in Edyston or elsewhere within the parish of Stokecursy which he lately had by her charter of feoffment. Dated Edyston, Friday before St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 427*d*.

Gift and quitclaim by Lucy Redmore (sister of Robert Strecche deceased) in her widowhood to John Vernay, his heirs and assigns, of all lands, etc., which were of her brother Robert in Edeston or elsewhere within the parish of Stokecursy, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Blewet knight, Richard Amys prior of Stokecursy, John Bakeler, Ralph Pyers, John Mareys. Dated Edeston, Monday after the Annunciation 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 428.

Gift by William de Berre to Margaret his daughter, in fee and inheritance, of a virgate of land in Edeston, of his wife's marriage, for her service, by grant of his wife and the lord of the land, to hold of grantor and his heirs. Witnesses: R. Riuell', William Puer, William de Est', William Caddell', R. de Normanvile, R. Ruffus, William his brother, R. Ruffus, Walter son of William Coder.

R.III. f. 428.

Gift by John Bakeler of Stokecursi, Robert Pym chaplain and Peter Coker chaplain to John Vernay the elder lord of Fayrefild for his life, of all the messuages, lands, etc., with the dower held by Alice widow of Robert Strecche, which they have in Edeston in

the parish of Stokecursy by grant of the said John Vernay; also of messuages, lands, running waters, with 2 acres of land in Stondforfelde which they have by his grant in Ediston and la Synde, with 1½ acre of meadow in Garepitmede, late of Michael Willam; also of a messuage with three closes at Shiriveton in the fee of Faryngdon now held by John Doget, late of Michael Willam, and half a burgage in the town of Stokecursy now held by Robert Davy; and grant that the same shall all remain after the death of the said John Vernay to Ralph Vernay his son and the heirs of his body, remainder to the said John Vernay the elder his heirs and assigns. Witnesses: Philip Pym, Richard Grey, John Mareys de Maresco, Richard Corewyll, Ralph Perys. Dated Fayrefild, Friday the vigil of St. Simon and St. Jude 15 Richard II.

R.III. f. 428.

Quitclaim by William de Ediston (son and heir of Michael de Ediston) to John Vernay and Avice his wife, the heirs or assigns of the said John, of all messuages, lands, running waters, etc., in Ediston, Scherreveton and Synde in the parish of Stokecursy and in the county of Somerset, with the reversion of the dower of Joan widow of the said Michael. Witnesses: Robert Strecche, Thomas Strecche, John Mareys de Maresco, Richard Corewille, John Bakelere. Dated Ediston in the parish of Stokecursy, Sunday after Michaelmas 11 Richard II.

R.III. f. 429.

Licence by Humphrey Courtenay and Thomas Stowell knights, John Copelston esquire and Guy Baldwyn to John Storthwayte, John Codeford and John Raynold clerks (executors of Nicholas Bubbewith late bishop of Bath and Wells) to give to the dean and chapter of Wells three messuages, one toft, three gardens, 66 acres of [land], 10½ acres of meadow, 5 acres of wood, and 1*d.* rent, of them held in Stokecursy and Ediston in county Somerset by a yearly rent of 4*s.*, whereof the said clerks are seised in their demesne as of fee, and to the dean and chapter and their successors to receive and hold the same at the rent aforesaid towards certain works of piety, the statute of mortmain notwithstanding. Witnesses: Sir Humphrey Stafford knight, John Warre, William Powlet, Robert Cokyr, John Hylle of Spaxton esquires, Hugh Cary, Edward Colyford. Dated 26 September 8 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 429.

Similar licence by Agnes Sydenham in her widowhood to the same three clerks concerning the lands above described, of her held by the yearly rent of ½*lb.* of pepper at Michaelmas. Same witnesses and date.

R.III. f. 429*d.*

Quitclaim by John Comesende (son and heir of John Comesend) to the same three clerks, in their possession being, of all lands, etc., which his said father ever held in Edeston, Shreveton and Sende in the parish of Stokecursy in the hundred of Canyngton county

Somerset, with warranty against the abbot of Westminster. Sealed by the bishop's official. Witnesses: Thomas Stawill knight, John Warre, Robert Cokyr, John Hylle, John Tretheak esquires. Dated 22 May 7 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 430*d*.

Gift by Hugh Cary, Philip Ammotesham and Ralph Cowfolde to the same three clerks of all lands, etc., in Edeston, Stofordfeld and Stokecursy, late of Ralph Vernay, which they had jointly with Henry Pyncow deceased by gift of Richard Shirfeld and John Blast. Witnesses: Thomas Stawyll knight, John Warre, William Powlet, John Kenne the elder, John Dodyngton. Sealed by Robert Lord of Ponyngges. Dated Stokecursy, Saturday after the Epiphany 6 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 431.

Quitclaim by Hugh Cary, Philip Ammotesham and Ralph Cowfold to the same three clerks, reciting the last gift. Same witnesses. Dated Stokecursy, Monday before the Purification 6 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 431.

Demise indented by the said three clerks to John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter of all lands, etc., in Edeston and Stofordfeld late of Ralph Vernay, which they had of the gift of Hugh Cary, Philip Ammotesham and Ralph Cowefold, to hold to the dean and chapter towards certain works of piety for the soul of Nicholas Bubwith late bishop of Bath and Wells, according to their appointment. Witnesses: Thomas Stawell knight, John Warre, John Hylle of Spaxton, William Powlet of Bere, John Tretheak esquires. Dated Wells, 1 July 8 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 431*d*.

Letter of attorney by the same three clerks to John Lang, Thomas Sutton and William Bery, to deliver seisin to John Forest dean of Wells and the chapter of the lands, etc., in Edeston and Stofordfeld which they had of the gift of Hugh Cary, Philip Ammotesham and Ralph Cowfolde. Dated Wells, 2 July 8 Henry VI.

R.III. f. 431*d*.

Indenture of quitclaim by Nicholas Plecy vicar in the church of Wells to Sir Maurice de Ash vicar in the same church, his heirs or assigns, of a tenement held for his life of Richard de Welweton (son of David de Welweton) in the city of Wells, between one of Hugh le Rus on the east and one of Richard de Welweton and John de la Pole late canon of Wells on the west, with houses, gardens, curtilages and crofts, according to a charter of feoffment. Witnesses: Sir John de Hoo, Sir Thomas de Benhangre, Sir Philip de Hodiam vicars, Thomas de Merkesbury, Geoffrey de Hokston, Robert Bouch', Simon le Kyng burgesses. Dated Wells, the first Sunday in Advent 31 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 432.

Quitclaim by Cristina who was wife of Richard de Welweton in her widowhood to John Mogge (son of Richard Mogge of Tykenham) of her dower in a tenement with garden and croft in the town of Wells in Chamberlaynestret. Witnesses: William Stocc', William Lode, Hugh le Barbor. Dated Welles, Monday before Michaelmas 7 Edward III.

R.III. f. 432.

Defeasance by Hugh le Barbor burgess of Wells of a lease for life and four years longer to him granted by John Mogge (son and heir of Richard Mogge of Tykenham) of a messuage with garden and curtilage and a croft in Wells in Chamberleynestrete, upon condition that the said John pay or offer to pay 100*s*. in the church of St. Andrew before Easter next. Witnesses: John le Merkaunt and Robert de Lovyngton reeves of the borough of Wells, Richard Attemore bailiff thereof, William Stot, Richard Manywrench, William le Lodar, John called Person. Dated Wells, Monday the vigil of St. Andrew 7 Edward III.

R.III. f. 432*d*.

Quitclaim by Ralph de Welweton to John Mogge (son of Richard Mogge of Tykenham) of a tenement with garden and croft in the town of Welles in Chamberleynestrete, between a tenement of Sir Hugh de Alresforde vicar on the west and that in which Henry de Welweton now dwells on the east, extending from the street northwards to the field, with warranty. Witnesses: Adam de Chelleweith, Thomas de Testwode, William Stocc', William Lode, Hugh le Barbour. Dated Welles, Monday before Michaelmas 7 Edward III.

R.III. f. 433.

Grant and quitclaim by Hugh le Barbor burgess of Wells to John Mogge (son and heir of Richard Mogge of Tykenham) of a messuage with garden and curtilage and a croft in Wells in Chamberleynestrete, between the tenement of Sir Hugh de Alreford on the west and that of the church of Wells and Henry de Welweton on the east. Dated Wells, Thursday before the Annunciation 8 Edward III. Witnesses: Thomas de Testwode, Peter le Monyer, William Stot, William le Lodar, Richard Manywrench, John called Person, John at Chirchestygheli clerks.

R.III. f. 433.

Indenture of gift by Richard de Welweton (son of David de Welweton) to Maurice de Essa chaplain vicar in the church of Wells, of his tenement in the town of Welles with houses, garden and croft in Chamberleynestrete, between that of Hugh le Rus vicar on the east and that late of John de la Pole canon of Wells, extending from the street northwards to the field, doing the service to the chief lords, and paying yearly to John de Hoo vicar, his heirs or assigns, 8*s*. at Midsummer, with warranty, in consideration of 45 marks. Witnesses: Sir John de Wyke, Sir Thomas Wellesleye knights, Adam Canun, William de la Wytheghe,

William de Leghe, John le Markaunt, William Fellard, Thomas de Merkesbury, Geoffrey de la Hokerstone, John Gilemayde, Robert Huche clerk. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Andrew Ap. 30 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 433*d*.

Quitclaim by the same Richard de Welweton to Sir Maurice de Asse vicar in the church of Wells, his heirs and assigns, of a tenement late held of him for life by Nicholas de Plecy vicar in the city of Wells in Chamberleynestret, between that of Hugh le Rous vicar on the east and that late of John de la Pole canon of Wells on the west, so that the said Nicholas during his life shall pay rent and do service to the said Maurice, the reversion after his death to the said Maurice. Witnesses: Sir John de Hoo, Sir Thomas de Benangre, Philip de Odyham vicars, Thomas de Merkesbury, Geoffrey de la Hokerston, Robert Bouche, Simon le Kyng burgesses. Dated Wells, Sunday after St. Andrew Ap. 30 Edward [I].

R.III. f. 433*d*.

Gift by Cristina who was wife of Bernard de la Lidiete, in her widowhood, to William son of Hugh de Edmeston, for his homage and service, of two thirds of all the land which Hugh father of the said William held in Edmeston, to hold of the said Cristina and her heirs to him and his heirs at a yearly rent of 5*s*. 4*d*. payable quarterly for all save the king's service, in consideration of 10*s*., with warranty. Witnesses: William Russell, William de Gryndeham, Thurstan de Burci, Peter de Bere, William de Knaploc, Nicholas de Herkestawe, John le Hayward.

R.III. f. 434.

Indenture made at Edistone, Sunday St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 12 Richard II, (reciting a lease made by Lucy Rodemore, sister and heir of Robert and Thomas Strecche, to Alice late wife of Robert her said brother, of lands and tenements which Thomas her said brother formerly granted with warranty to the said Alice for life, and a subsequent grant by the said Lucy of the reversion thereof to John Vernay and his heirs,) whereby the said Alice, by direction of the said Lucy, in presence of Walter Bluet knight, Richard Amys prior of Stokurcy, John Bakeler and others, attorns tenant to the said John, and the said John, accepting her fealty, grants that she shall be quit of impeachment of waste, and warrants her for life quit of all but the king's service, under his bond in 40*l*. Witnesses: Walter Bluet knight, Hugh Wyllynges parson of Etirhampton, Thomas Bluet, John Bakeler, Ralph Pyers, John Marys. (*French*.)

R.III. f. 434*d*.

Writing of Robert de la Hurne (son and heir of Is[abel] de la Hurne) addressed to William de Edmyston, directing him to answer to William de Bere and Maud his wife for the rent and service of lands and tenements held of the said Robert in Edmys-

ton, and now to them given, as formerly to the said Robert and to Is[abel] his mother. Dated Stokecurcy, Wednesday after the Purification 20 Edward.

R.III. f. 435.

Gift by Hugh Strecche of Nether Staweye to Walter le Bakeler of Stokecurcy and Beatrice his wife, of 2 acres of arable land in the manor of la Wyk in the field of Edelmesdone, between land late of Ralph son of Peter and land of the said Hugh, extending from south to north between Grenewey and Rigwey, at a yearly rent of 1*d.* at Michaelmas, in consideration of 4 marks paid, with warranty. Witnesses: William de la Pile, William Corduan, William de Edyngton (*sic*), Robert Strecche, John le Bole, Vincent de Stok, William Sampson, Marcian Parden, Walter de Derberghe.

R.III. f. 435.

Grant by Peter de Bera to William Eust' de Edeston of the house which Isabel (daughter of Alan and Juliana de Stapela) and Cristina widow of Bernard de la Lidieta gave him in the town of Edeston. Witnesses: Thurstan de Burcy, William son of Nicholas de Treugeston, Robert de Mari, Nicholas de Herker, William Longus.

R.III. f. 435*d.*

Gift and quitclaim by William Russell (son of Bernard de Pederton) to William de Edeston, of 4*s.* 8*d.* yearly rent which he used to take of lands of him held by the said William de Edigheston in Edigheston in the fee of Westchilton in the hundred of Canyngton, formerly of Cristina de Shyreford, rendering to the chief lords the services due and accustomed; also of all customs, services, ward, marriage, relief or escheat. Witnesses: Robert Strecche, Robert Chaudel, Walter de Choldecote, Henry Trache, William Sitharesee. Dated Glastonbury, Monday after the Nativity of St. John Baptist 29 Edward I.

R.III. f. 435*d.*

Gift by John Pouer to Matthew de Edustune (son of William de Edustune) and Agnes his wife and to the heirs of their bodies, of ½*d.* yearly rent, which Lucy wife of Walter le Cat used to pay to the said John and his heirs for term of her life, together with the reversion of half an acre of meadow which the said Lucy holds for life, at a yearly rent of ¼*d.* at Michaelmas, with warranty, remainder to the grantor and his heirs. Dated Stokecurcy, Friday after the Annunciation 8 Edward III. Witnesses: Robert de Were, William Strecche, Walter Seleman, Henry Hulacre, John Mareis.

R.III. f. 436.

Gift by Robert de Cowyz to Robert his son of 4 acres of arable land lying at the cross of Edighston, of him formerly held by Geoffrey de Chelcote, to hold of grantor and his heirs for ever

without service, with warranty. Witnesses: Sir Simon de Gryndham, John Chawdell, William de Ediston, William Tyvertun, Walter de Weynesham.

R.III. f. 436.

Gift by Joan Vode to Robert Strecche, his heirs or assigns, of half a burgage in Stokecursy in the high street, between that of Juliana Galpeins and that of the prior of Stokecursy; also of half a messuage and curtilage, and the moiety of half an acre of land in Kyncheton in the parish of Stokecursy, with warranty. Witnesses: Hugh Crubbe, John Attenewall, Adam Mareys, Thomas Smyth, John Smyth. Dated Stokecursy, St. John Baptist 32 Edward III.

R.III. f. 436*d*.

Demise and quitclaim by William de Bere (son and heir of Peter de Bere) to Robert de Comuyz (son of 'Ealn'' de Comuyz) and his heirs, of the third part of a messuage in Edeston with the land and tenement adjoining (which the said William had by lease of Agatha mother of the said Robert, to whom it came in dower by the death of Robert de Comuyz her husband) to hold of grantor and his heirs at a yearly rent of 10*s*. during the life of the said Agatha, in consideration of 30*s*., with warranty. Witnesses: Geoffrey le Poer, William Gyverny, Robert de la Mere, William de Edeston, Robert Chaudell, Richard Alex[ander], Henry de Edeston.

R.III. f. 436*d*.

Indenture made between John Tryvet knight and John Vernay, being a lease by the said John Tryvet to John Vernay of his estate in the lands etc. of William de Edeston (son of Michael de Ediston), so long as they remain in his hand by reason of an execution and livery by extent, by virtue of the king's writ, under a recognizance for 20*l*. by the said William made before Elias Spelly mayor of Bristol and John Colston clerk there (the said William not having kept the day of payment), at a yearly rent of 4*s*. during the life of the said John Tryvet, with warranty. Witnesses: John Lyff', Philip Pym, John Marys, John Bakeler, Richard Corwyll, Robert Tokyswyll. Dated Monday after the Epiphany 11 Richard II.

R.III. f. 437.

Gift by Walter le Bakeler (by assent of Beatrice his wife) to Henry son of William de Edeston and Conilla his wife and to John son of Henry de Edeston, of 2 acres of land in the manor of la Wyke lying in the field of Edelmesdon, between land of Roger de la Somerlese and land late of Hugh Strecche, and extending from south to north between the Grenewey and the Rigwey, with warranty (saving to the chief lords their services); in consideration whereof the said Henry has given by charter to the

grantor and his wife a messuage in Stokecurcy. Witnesses: William de Edeston, Walter de Chaldecote, Robert Chaudell, John, William Cordiuent (?), James de la More.

R.III. f. 437*d*.

Indenture of agreement, made Michaelmas 9 Edward I, between Agatha relict of Robert Strecche of Comyz and William de Bere (son and heir of Peter de Bere), whereby the said Agatha demises all the days of her life to the said William her whole dower in Edeston and in Comyz, provided that the said William shall find her reasonable maintenance in his house, and half a mark yearly towards her clothing and other needs; and should she not be content with such maintenance, the said William grants her a house with curtilage in Comyz, late in the tenure of Henry de Chelhampton, with 6½ acres of arable land and 1 acre of meadow in that town (½ acre on the west of the close of the said Henry, 2 acres at Trapperewe, 2 acres in Westbradecrofte, 2 acres in la Hokes, and ½ acre meadow in Cetele), and his right in the lands held by Richard Elisandre in Comyz. Witnesses: John de Eston', William Gyvernay, Walter de Canthoo, Everard de Mare, Thomas de Shelhampton, William de Edeston, Geoffrey le Poyer.

R.III. f. 438.

Lease by Laurentia who was wife of Walter de Cowmyche to Robert Chaudell and Edith his wife for their lives, of 3 acres of land in the field called Tonfurlang, between land of William de Edynguston and of the said Laurentia, extending lengthwise from the said William's wood against the highway, at a yearly rent of 1*d*. at Michaelmas, with warranty. Witnesses: William de Edyngston, Michael de Edyngston, John de Norhurne, John Chaudell. Dated Stokecursy, St. Lawrence 7 Edward II.

R.III. f. 438.

Gift by John Willames to Michael de Ediston and John Stenyng of all his lands etc. in the hundred of Canyngton, also of his goods and chattels thereupon, with warranty. Witnesses: John Colne, John Bakeler, Roger Grey, Stephen Pyllok, Roger Hacheford. Dated Stokecursi, Sunday after the Invention of Holy Cross 44 Edward III.

R.III. f. 438*d*.

Gift by Roger Grey to Robert Wylcok pottar of Stokecursy and Margaret his wife, their heirs or assigns, of half a burgage in Stokecursy in the high street between that of the said Robert and that of John Cam, and of half an acre of land in the field of Knytteton, and a curtilage in Knytteton in the parish of Stokecursy, with warranty. Witnesses: William Colne, William Vele, Ralph Perys, Adam Spelly, Adam Mareys. Dated Stokecursy, Monday before St. Hilary 45 Edward III.

R.III. f. 438*d*.

Agreement made Michaelmas 56 Henry III, between Robert de Comyz and Walter Paty, whereby the said Robert to farm lets to the said Walter 3 acres of arable land in Edeston, in breadth 12 perches, lying in Cumfurlang next on the east side to land of Henry son of William de Edeston, to hold to the said Walter, his heirs or assigns, the chief lords, Jews or religious houses excepted, for a term of 22 years, in consideration of 2 marks paid, with warranty. Witnesses: John Chaudell, William Desteng', William de Edeston, Henry his brother, Walter de Challecote, Adam son of Thomas the smith, Hugh the clerk.

R.III. f. 439.

Statute merchant by William Edeston (son and heir of Michael Edeston) merchant of county Somerset to Sir John Tryvet knight of the same county in 20*l.* for merchandise bought, payable at Christmas next. Dated Bristol, 25 August 7 Richard II, by the hand of Elias Spelly mayor and Thomas Colston clerk; in presence of William Wormystre, Simon Olyver and John Lynmor.

R.III. f. 439.

Lease indented by Ralph Vernay to John Babbe (Dabbe) the younger, Isabel his wife and Eleanor their daughter, of half an acre of meadow in Yeartmore in the parish of Stokecursy for their lives, at a yearly rent of 12*d.* for all saving the king's service, with warranty. Witnesses: John Cam (Caux), John Bere, Walter Cam (Caux), Walter Garform (Garson), John Cordewant. Dated Stokecursy, Thursday before St. Mark 9 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 439*d*: repeated f. 446*d*.

Lease by Michael de Edeston to William his elder son for life, of a messuage with curtilage formerly held by John Willames in Edeston, at a yearly rent of one rose, with warranty. Witnesses: John Willames, Robert Strecch, Thomas Strecch. Dated Edeston, Palm Sunday 42 Edward III.

R.III. f. 439*d*: repeated f. 446.

Writing of Lucy Rodemore (sister and heir of Robert and Thomas Strecche) addressed to her sister Alice (late wife of her said brother Robert), directing her to attorn tenant of certain lands in Ediston in the parish of Stokurcy (already granted her with warranty by the said Thomas) to John Vernay, to whom the said Lucy has by charter given the reversion thereof in fee. Dated Ediston, Friday before St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 12 Richard II. (*French*).

R.III. f. 440.

Lease by Michael de Edeston to William Dullok and Lucy his wife for their lives, of a messuage with curtilage, another curtilage called Cokesheyz and 1½ acre of land between the land and garden of Robert Streeche, at a yearly rent of 4*s.* during the life of the

grantor, and after his decease 3*s*. 6*d*., with warranty. Witnesses: Robert Strecche, Thomas Strecche, John Mareys, Richard Corewell, Richard Everard. Dated Ediston, Saturday St. Mark 41 Edward III.

R.III. f. 440.

Letter of attorney by Thomas Strecche (brother and heir of Robert Strecche deceased) to Richard Amys prior of Stokecursy, to deliver seisin to Alice relict of the said Robert of lands, meadows, closes and woods in Ediston specified in his charter of feoffment. Dated Stokecursy, Tuesday before the Conversion of St. Paul 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 440*d*.

Defeasance by John Tryvet knight of a statute merchant in 20*l*. whereby William Edeston (son of Michael de Edeston) is bound to him, provided he pay 10*l*. within six years from date, and make no alienation, waste or estate of lands, woods, rents or reversions without licence of the said John, and the same shall remain in the hands of the said John until full payment. Witnesses: Richard Acton knight, Thomas Lyons, John Sel chaplain. Dated Hunspill, 26 August 7 Richard II.

R.III. f. 440*d*.

Gift by Thomas Strecche of Edyston (brother and heir of Robert Strecche deceased) to Alice relict of the said Robert, of the tenement in Ediston wherein the said Thomas dwells, a close of land called Stondelf in Edyston thereto annexed between the public road through the middle of the town of Ediston towards Stokurcy on the south and his meadow called Baldewynemede on the north, Baldewynemede aforesaid, a close of land called Newclos in Edyston between land of John Vernay on the north and south and of Alice Grybbis on the east, 1 acre of land in a field called Langfeud between the public road from Gorepitte to Stokecursy on the north and land of John Vernay on the south, 5 acres of arable land in the said field bounded by land of John Vernay, and one third of his wood of Ediston and of his land thereto annexed, namely that part lying together north and south on the east side of the said wood, to hold for life and until Michaelmas after her decease in name of her dower of her husband's lands in Edyston without impeachment of waste, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Bluet knight, John Vernay, John Bakeler, Ralph Perys, John Marreys. Dated Stokurcy, Tuesday before the Conversion of St. Paul 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 441.

Lease indented by John Vernay to Alice relict of Robert Strecche and Thomas Strecche for their lives, of 7 acres of arable land in a field of Edyston called Langefeud, between Baldewynnemede on the south and the public road from Gorepytt to Stokecurcy on the north, at a yearly rent of 4*s*. for all save the king's

service, with warranty. Witnesses : Walter Bluet knight, Richard Amys prior of Stokecurcy, John Bakeler, Ralph Pyers, John Mareys. Dated Edyston, Monday after the Purification 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 441*d*.. repeated f. 444.

Grant by Alice Strecche (relict of Robert Strecche) to Walter Trybon and Alice Bewepoll, of the lands, houses, etc., assigned to her in name of her dower, namely after her death to hold until Michaelmas following, according to the charter of Thomas Strecche brother and heir of the said Robert. Witnesses : John Puett, John Lucas chaplains, John Hawl. Dated Ediston, Monday before St. Matthias 7 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 442.

Lease by Ralph Vernay to John Babbe the elder, Isabel his wife, John Babbe the younger and Isabel his wife, of the reversion of a close called the Brodde Close containing 13 acres of arable land with a small garden thereto attached (now held for life by Alice Strecche) in Ediston, between the high road from Stoford to Stokurcy on the north and the Mixin and Litill Mede on the south, to hold for their lives after the decease of the said Alice at a yearly rent of 20*s*. and suit of his court twice a year for all but the king's service, in consideration of 2 marks, with warranty. Witnesses : John Caux (*sic*), John Wyllyng vicar of Stokurcy, Benedict Gardyner. Dated Stokurcy, St. Thomas Ap. 11 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 442.

Lease by William de Edeston to John his son of a messuage, curtilage and 2 acres of land in Edeston formerly in the tenure of William Jelianeson, and 2 acres of arable land in la Sundei in a croft by the land of Martin Sweet, at the yearly rent of one rose for all save the king's service, with warranty during the life of the said John. Witnesses : John de Beare, Robert de Beare, Nicholas Stening, John Crubbe, John Fichet of Canyngton. Dated Edeston, Wednesday after St. John *ante portam Latinam* 2 Edward III.

R.III. f. 442*d*.

Demise by Ralph Vernay (son of John Vernay late lord of Fayrefeld) to William Lyghe and Agnes his wife for their lives, of a cottage with two gardens at Ediston, and half an acre of meadow in the Yerdemore between that of Roger Kedenore on the west and that of John Pokeswell on the south in the parish of Stokurcy, at a yearly rent of 3*s*. for all save the king's service and fifteenth when due, and suit of the grantor's court twice a year, with warranty. Witnesses : John Bakeler, Ralph Perys, John Mareis, William Foulegeler, Nicholas Crandon. Dated Stokurcy, St. Edward K.M. 15 Richard II.

R.III. f. 443.

Lease by Michael de Edeston and Agnes his wife to Richard Everard and his assigns of the land called the Mullelond, previously held by the said Richard, for term of the lives of the said Michael and Agnes, at a yearly rent of 7*s.* at St. John Baptist, with warranty. Witnesses: John Willames, John Herker, Richard Corewell, John Vowzeler, Thomas Everard. Dated Stoklond Gaunt, Sunday the Purification 45 Edward III.

R.III. f. 443.

Agreement indented between Ralph Vernay (son of John Vernay late lord of Fayrefeld) on the one part and William Martyn of Stoford and Alice his wife on the other, whereby the said Ralph demises to the said William and Alice for their lives one croft containing 6 acres of land by Stevenford on the south side of the ford, and 2 acres of arable land by the cross above Edelmesdon on the east side of the high road towards the Gorpyt, at a yearly rent of 13*s.* for all save the king's service and fifteenth when due, and suit of the grantor's court of Edeston twice a year, with warranty. Witnesses: John Bakeler, Ralph Peris, John Mareis, John Pouleshull, Stephen Mareis. Dated Stokurcy, Saturday after St. Edward K.M. 15 Richard II.

R.III. f. 443*d.*

Lease by Ralph Vernay to John Babbe the younger, Isabel his wife and Isabel their daughter, of a close in Edyston called Stondelfe with the meadow called Lytelmede at the north west end thereof, and the close of John Haule lieth on the east side of the same close; also of a croft with a garden on the west side thereof, lying between the high road and the Standelf, and a small garden by the tenement of Alice Strecche, extending to the wall thereof on the east side; to hold after the decease of Alice Strecche for their lives at a yearly rent of 10*s.* for all save the king's service, and suit of the grantor's court of Ediston twice a year, in consideration of 20*s.* paid, with warranty, and bond for the same in 20*l.* Witnesses: John Caux (*sic*), John Bere, John Selampton, William Foghler, John Corewille. Dated Stokurcy, Thursday after St. John Baptist 11 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 444.

Lease by Ralph Vernay to Thomas Hugchon and Cristina his wife for their lives, of a tenement with garden and two crofts adjoining at la Seynd in the parish of Stokurcy formerly in the tenure of John Laprey, at a yearly rent of 10*s.* for all save the king's service and suit of the grantor's court at Ediston twice a year, with warranty. Witnesses: Walter Caux (*sic*), Ralph Perys, Thomas Hardishull. Dated Ediston, St. John Baptist 10 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 444*d.*

Lease by John Vernay lord of Fayrefild and Avice his wife to Robert Lukays, Joan his wife and Thomas their son for their lives, of half a burgage with curtilage in the town of Stokurcy in

the high street, between that of Robert Wylkoc called le Potter and that of Robert Smyth, and 2 acres of land in Tethulle between land of John Bakeler and of Maud Trent, at a yearly rent of 10*s.* for all save the king's service, with warranty of the said half burgage, and of the said 2 acres (which the grantors had of the inheritance of Thomas Tryvet late lord of Durborough). Witnesses: John Bakeler, Ralph Peris, Nicholas Crandon, John Tynbery (?), William Lucays. Dated Fayrefyld, Tuesday after the Annunciation 12 Richard II.

R.III. f. 445.

Lease by Michael de Edeston to Walter Boxse and Elizabeth his wife for their lives, of all those messuages and curtilages with the croft adjoining, according to the bounds, in le Seynne in the parish of Stokurcy, which were of the grantor's father, at a yearly rent of 4*s.* for all save the king's service, neither party falling trees nor making waste therein, save the said Walter and Elizabeth for maintenance of the said messuage and curtilage, and the said Michael for ploughs and yokes; with warranty. Witnesses: Roger Grey, John Bakeler, Robert Strecche, John Willames, Thomas Strecche. Dated Stokurcy, Sunday after St. James Ap. 44 Edward III.

R.III. f. 445*d.*

Indenture made at Edeston, Monday after St. Matthias 12 Richard II, being a bond by John Vernay in 40*l.* to warrant to Alice who was wife of Robert Strecche certain lands, etc., in Edeston in the parish of Stokurcy, to her leased for life and until Michaelmas after her decease by Thomas Strecche with warranty clause, who after by his charter granted the reversion thereof to the said John and his heirs, the said Alice having by his direction attorned tenant to the said John in presence of Richard Amys prior of Stokurcy and John Kedwelly clerk, saving her estate and term aforesaid and her warranty, and the said John having taken her fealty and discharged her of impeachment of waste. Witnesses: Walter Bluet knight, Henry Hillacre chaplain, John Bakeler, Ralph Piers, John Mareys. (*French*).

R.III. f. 445*d.*

Writing of Thomas Strecche, addressed to his sister Alice who was wife of Robert Strecche his brother, directing her to attorn tenant of certain lands in Edeston in the parish of Stokurcy (already by him granted to her for life with warranty) to John Vernay, to whom he has by charter given the reversion thereof in fee. Dated Edeston, Sunday after St. Matthias 12 Richard II. (*French*).

R.III. f. 446*d.*

Indenture made at Edystone, Sunday St. Perpetua and St. Felicitas 12 Richard II, being a bond by John Vernay in 40*l.* to warrant to Alice who was wife of Robert Strecche for her life and

until Michaelmas after her decease certain lands, etc., in Ediston to her granted by Lucy Rodemore (sister and heir of Robert and Thomas Strecche), who afterwards granted the reversion thereof to the said John and his heirs, the said Alice having, by direction of the said Lucy, in presence of Walter Bluet knight, Richard Amys prior of Stokurcy and John Bakeler, attorned tenant to the said John. Witnesses: Walter Bluet knight, Hugh Wyllynges parson of Scyrhampton* (*sic*), Thomas Bluet, John Bakeler, Ralph Pyers, John Mareys. (*French*).

R.III. f. 447. * Otterhampton. See above f. 434*d.*, p. 511; also Weaver, *Somerset Incumbents*, where he figures as Hyo Dyllyng; and Register of bishop Bowet, Somerset Record Soc. xiii.

Lease by Ralph Vernay to William Trybon and Alice his wife of a close in Ediston called Stondelfe with a meadow called Litilmede at the north west end, and the close of John Haule lieth on the east side thereof; also a croft with a garden on the west side thereof between the high road and the Stendelfe; also a small garden by the tenement of Alice Strecche extending to her wall on the east side; to hold after the decease of the said Alice for their lives, at a yearly rent of 12*s.* for all save the king's service and suit of the grantor's court of Ediston twice a year, in consideration of 26*s.* 8*d.* paid, with covenant to make and maintain enclosures between the same and the grantor's holding, and bond in 20*l.* for warranty. Witnesses: John Puett, John Lucays chaplains, John Hawle, John Caux (*sic*), John Beere, John Selampton, William Foghler, John Cordwylle. Dated Stokcursy, Monday before St. Matthias 6 Henry IV.

R.III. f. 447.

Indenture of agreement, made at Dunsterre on Friday after St. John *ante portam Latinam* 4 Edward III, 1330, between Hamelin de Godley (tenant of one messuage, one carucate of land and 60*s.* rent in Byknaller in the town of Stokegummer of the fee of Sir John de Moheun) on the one part and the said John de Moheun on the other, whereby the said John, for himself and his heirs, grants to the said Hamelin power to give and assign the said messuage, land and rent, with knights' fees, rents and services of free men and villeins, to the dean and chapter of Wells and their successors in frank almoin, as fully as Richard de Wynnysforde ever held the same of the said John, the statute of mortmain notwithstanding, excluding himself from all claim to ward, marriage, homage, relief, scutage, aid or other service. Witnesses: John de Clyvedon, John de Erlee, Hugh de Langlonde, Ralph Sisours (*sic*) knights, Simon de Rooche, John Brette, Simon Brette, John de Derburgh, William de Cumbe.

R.III. f. 448.

Rental of Stokegumer (undated).

Richard Boys, one messuage, 11*d.*; another called Halle Place with grange etc., 9*s.* 10*d.*; 2 acres overland, 4*s.*

Elizabeth White, a cottage, 30 acres of land and meadow in Stokegummer of old aster, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Richard Boys, one toft with meadow adjoining, 8 acres in Wicher by Preston Felde of old aster, 8*s*.

Edward Hertlonde, one tenement with curtilage and 3 acres in Prestonfelde, 2 acres in Spangrow (wood and underwood reserved to the lords) with a parcel of ground on the north of his tenement, 2*s*. 8*d*.

John Belamy, a tenement, 20 acres of land and meadow of old aster, cottage with curtilage, 3 acres of overland, 13*s*. 4*d*.

Joan Crange, close of pasture 16 acres (late John Hankoc) as overland, 3*s*. 4*d*.; also in Byknaller of Stokgummer parsonage, 3 closes land and pasture with one croft whereon stands the barn of Byknalre rectory, 11*s*. 6*d*.

John Pykkard, 2 closes in Byknalre of Stookegummer parsonage, 5*s*.

John Laurence, in Halmasber' 18 acres overland, 18*d*.

Churchwardens of Stookegummer, one house called the churchowse, 6*d*. Total, 3*l*. 13*s*. 11*d*.

R.III. f. 448*d*.

Decree of Ralph de Wikeham, official of R. bishop of Bath and Wells and his special commissary appointed to assess the vicarage of Dulting (which church is appropriated to the abbot and convent of Glastonbury), that the vicar shall have the whole demesne of the sanctuary which used to belong to the church, with wood, enclosed meadow, villeins, their services and all that goes with them, and freemen, their rents, homages and escheats, as the rectors had, the tithes of the lordship of Peter de la Mare lord of Prestelegh and his heirs, likewise all obventions and tithes to the church or altarage arising as well in money as of mills, flax, wool, lambs and calves, with mortuaries (the tithe of corn of the whole parish excepted, which with the tithes of wool, lambs, calves and cheese of the demesne shall remain to the abbot and convent as rectors); also pasture for 8 oxen with the abbot's oxen, and 6 kine with the abbot's kine, with two years' issue, and 300 sheep and two years' issue thereof, if he will keep so many, free of all tithe: he shall dwell in the houses which were the rector's, until they build him a manse acceptable to the bishop and his official; and bear the following charges, to the cathedral of Wells and the archdeacon 20*s*. for sequestrations, to the said archdeacon his procuration, synodals and customs, but not the pension of 4 marks to the sacristy of Glastonbury: extraordinary charges shall be borne two thirds by the abbey, one third by the vicar. Dated Wells, iiii non. April 1285. (Copies in the book called *Secretum* of the abbot of Glastonbury, and the two missals of Dultyng).

Payments to be made yearly of the church of Dultyng to the cathedral and the archdeacon.

For sequestrations 20*s*. (the cathedral 13*s*. 4*d*. thereof, the archdeacon 6*s*. 8*d*.)

The archdeacon, dead man's gift 12*d*.

The archdeacon, Easter rents 15*d*.

The archdeacon, procurations 7*s.* 7½*d.*
The archdeacon, of Cranemore chapel 19½*d.*
The archdeacon, of Dunhed chapel 19½*d.* Total 33*s.* 1½*d.*

R.III. f. 449.

The farm of Withchurich in county Dorset.

Gift by Geoffrey de Mandeville to Joscelin bishop of Bath of the advowson of Whitcherch. Witnesses: Nicholas de Seleburn succentor, Hugh de Rumenal chaplain, Master Walter de Sancto Quintino, Master W. de Maidenestan, Walter de Cosyngton, John de Templo canons of Wells, William de Winterburn knight, Thomas le Vehyl, Roger de Blakford, Thomas de Altavilla, Stephen the chamberlain, William de Boneville, John de Benecumbe.

R.III. f. 450.

Award of R[ichard] bishop of Salisbury, in a cause pending before the abbots of St. Albans and Messenden and the prior of St. Albans, by order of Pope Honorius III, between Master Hugh de Greneford parson of Witcherch on the one part and Master W. de Welles vicar of Wudeton chapel, Thomas de la Wile clerk parson of the said chapel and Adam de Wudeton knight on the other, touching the tithes of Wudeton, which town is of Adam de Wudeton, (the parties having submitted the matter to him upon oath under a bond in 30 marks to observe his award, with the consent of the patron of the mother church,) that the said Hugh and every parson of the mother church of Witchirch shall take yearly 20*s.* of the clerk who shall have the tithes of Wudeton chapel, whether parson or vicar, and upon every decease or removal of the parson or vicar of the said chapel, the said Adam or his heirs shall present a successor, who shall take an oath of fealty to the said mother church, and to pay the said 20*s.*, saving the ancient right of the mother church touching burials, etc.

R.III. f. 450. Hutchins, *History of Dorset*, ii. 269.

Inspeximus and confirmation of the above award by the dean and chapter of Salisbury. Dated 1224, by Master Robert chancellor of Salisbury.

R.III. f. 450*d.*

Ordinance of Robert bishop of Salisbury, in consideration of the insufficiency of the common funds of Salisbury and Wells, by assent of Joscelin bishop of Bath the patron, and of the chapter of Wells, at the petition of the dean and chapter of Salisbury, that after the decease or cession of Master Hugh de Greneford rector of Witechirche, the church shall be quit of a yearly pension of 60*s.* which the dean and chapter of Salisbury used to take thereof, and shall be provided with a vicar, at the presentation of the bishop of Bath, who shall be charged with synodals of 3*s.* twice a year (in lieu of the archdeacon's rights and other ordinary charges), the cure of souls, the service of the chapels of Stauntun

and Chydyock by one chaplain and clerk, and of the chapel of Merswd by one chaplain and clerk, and shall take in name of his vicarage all obventions and oblations of the altarage thereof, with small tithes, tithes of mills (the tithes of hay of the whole parish and the small tithes of the court of the abbot of Abbedesbury in Little Wditun and of the courts of both chapters excepted), and the great tithes of the church demesne (except of the villenage), and have the short wood called Hauethull with the meadow of Casilia for hay, wood, husbote and heybote, 40*d.* yearly of the chapel of William de Charteray, and 2*s.* yearly of that of Cernemue, the manse and 2 acres of land which Herebert held, the manse with curtilages adjoining which Roger Wodhorn held, the land called Bury and Ryecrhoft (?), the services and customs of houses and curtilages in the tenure of Thomas Suillard and William Crockar, and of the land of Lidlegh held by Thomas the merchant (who pay no rent save towards the church light), valued in all at 20 marks, with common of pasture in the wood of Merswde and elsewhere conferred upon the chaplains of the said church by Nicholas de Mariscis. Whereas Master Hugh de Greneford has enriched the same with 27 acres of wood, the tenement of Peter de la Bere, 11*s.* yearly from the same arising, etc., there shall be in the said church one chaplain for ever to perform service for benefactors, who shall have the tithes great and small of the demesne of the abbot of Abbedesbury in Little Wodeton (except the tithe of hay), yearly value 2 marks (1 mark yearly being reserved to the abbot, as in a composition between him and the rector contained), also 20*s.* yearly of the chapel of Wodeton of Adam the knight, 11*s.* of the rent of Peter de la Bere with all the profit of his said tenement save tithes and rent towards the church light, 4*s.* arising from the tithes of 4 acres in the town of Kyngeston of Ralph Russell, a manse purchased by Master Hugh de Greneford of Roger le Sumeter, paying a yearly rent of 2*s.* towards the church light; he shall swear fealty to the vicar, be present with him at the services of the said church, and give him aid and counsel in ruling the church and parish: the presentation of such chaplain being reserved to the lord [bishop] of Bath and his successors. As to the residue of the lands, rents, buildings, services, etc., to the parson of the said church belonging the dean and chapter of Salisbury and their church shall have one moiety, the dean and chapter of Wells and their church the other, to increase their common funds. The portion of Salisbury shall be the parson's hall, with court and garden on the north side of the brook, Winesgore and Garshegge, one moiety of the church demesne, woods, feedings, liberties, etc., the rents and services of one virgate in the tenure of Edward de Putte, Osmer de Putte and William de Poudeleshurst, four half virgates in the tenure of Henry de Cruce, William de Cocwell, Hugh de Rihull and Osbert Watennia, five cottars' tenements of Roger Tinekar, Adam Segar, Ailward Snel, Wymarc the laundress, and Richard the shepherd, and one half virgate of Thomas the merchant, the tithes of Lidlegh, of the whole land of Gilbert de Anestie, of the tenants of Woditon Abbas, of Richard de Cumba, of Cumbe

Woldeshee, la Wyle, the land of John Payne, la Saghe, the land of John and Hamon de Cinnoc, and of Nicholas de Mar[iscis], with all tithes belonging to the chapel of Merswod, and all on the north side of the church, of the land of Peter de la Bere, William de Greyleshe, Hundescumbe, and so eastward, with those due from Pillesdon. The portion of Wells shall be the parson's barton with the garden between the same and the churchyard, the curtilage behind the same, the garden on the east side of the barton, the other moiety of the demesne, woods, etc., the rents and services of one virgate in the tenure of Durand de Butte, Roger de Butte and Godelina de Butte, one virgate of Richard son of Osmund, two half virgates of John de Huneshull and Hamund de Rihull, four ferlings of Hamund de Rihull, William Belle, Christina de Rihull and William King, seven cottars' tenements of Ralph de Manescumbe, Richard Bissop, John Ridar, Wymarc relict of Turstan, Geoffrey Ridar, Wareman and Robert Cuthop, the tithes of Cydiok, Stanton, la Butte, Rihull, of Henry the church tenant, Thomas the merchant, Richard son of Osmund, Geoffrey de la Burne and his tenants and John de Bouer, of Manescumbe, Mortecumbe, Cochull, of William Bissop of Witchurch, of Hundeshull, Bacleshegge (?), la Putte, and Forestareshegge. The said chapters shall enter and possess their portions immediately upon the decease or cession of the said now parson; and (by assent of the dean and chapter of Salisbury and of the archdeacon) the bishop of Bath and the dean and chapter of Wells shall be exempt as regards their portion from the jurisdiction of the diocesan and archdeacon. Read, approved and sealed by J. bishop of Bath and the chapters of Salisbury and Wells, also with the seal of the bishop of Salisbury. Done at Salisbury, Christmas day 1240.

R.III. ff. 451-453.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Robert 'minister of the church of Salisbury' of an award made by H. abbot of Syreburn, Master William de Button official of the lord [bishop] of Bath, and Master Ph[ilip] de Sancto David (to whom the matter was referred by the parties), in a cause pending by authority of papal letters before the prior of Benetleya and others, between Master Hugh de Greneford rector of Witchurch in Dorset and the abbot and convent of Abbedesbiry, touching the tithes great and small of the abbey demesne in their manor of Wodeton, namely that the abbot and convent shall demise to the said church for ever all the said tithes, save the tithe of hay of their demesne meadow which the said rector has to them released, provided that the rector shall have the tithe of hay of any land hereafter to be brought to meadow, the rector and his successors shall pay at Wodeton 1 mark yearly at Easter and Michaelmas for this accord and release, and a pain of 12*d.* for every week's delay after the first: which award the parties accepted, and bound themselves to observe, submitting themselves to the bishop of Salisbury to enforce the same, in the month of December 1231 wherein it was

made. Also of a charter whereby Robert de Mandeville patron of the said church ratified the above award.

R.III. f. 453. Hutchins, *History of Dorset*, ii. 269, 270.

Confirmation by Robert abbot of Malmesbury, H. prior and G. subprior of Bradenestoc (appointed by mandate of Pope Innocent III to determine a cause between Richard parson of Witechurch and William Heiron lord of Cernemue touching the chapel of Cernemue) of an accord between the parties; namely that the said parson and his successors shall take yearly of the clerk who shall hold the said chapel one mark in name of the pension of the mother church; that the said William the knight or his heirs shall upon a vacancy occurring present a clerk to the parson, and then to the bishop to be instituted after taking his oath of fealty to the mother church and for payment of the pension aforesaid: which acknowledgment of right was made by the said knight, by confession of his proctor, upon the altar of Witchurch, and sworn upon the gospels, saving the ancient rights of the mother church touching burials, etc. Witnesses: Samson precentor of Malmesbury, Master Richard de Sorstane, Master W. de Calla, Master Richard de Bremel, Matthew de Bremesham, W. Herding, Geoffrey de Witchurch, Alano *breve suo* (*sic*), Master R. de Foxle.

R.III. f. 453*d*. Hutchins, ii. 270.

Accord between Richard parson of Witchurch and William Heiron lord of Cernemuth touching the chapel of Cernemuth, in the terms last above mentioned. Witnesses: John de Caretot, Robert de Charteria, Osmund the chaplain, Osmund de Brideport, William de Calne, William de Qui, John de Mortestorn, John de Chippena (?), Ralph de Sancto Germano, Robert the clerk.

R.III. f. 454.

Gift by Robert de Mandevile to St. Wita and the church of Witchurch of the whole land of la Bere with the wood, extending along the street which passes outside the close of la Bere from the house late of Walter Grael to the leat of Honiford, and down the watercourse of Honiford to Cerne, and through Cerne to Casihamme (Notecroft excepted, which Peter de la Bere holds of grantor and his heirs, and the meadow which Henry the prior likewise holds between la Bere and Cerne); also the whole land of þornehull to the east of Honiford with the wood, and from the corner on the north of þornehull to the crooked (*crocata*) oak by the thorn (which are the bounds of grantor's wood and that of William de Osholt), thence along the hedges to the leat of Honiford, free of all service, at the instance of his clerk Master Hugh de Greneford rector of Witchurch. Witnesses: Sir Luke de la Bere, Sir L. de Jarpunville, Master Nicholas vicar of Tanthon, Sir Adam de Wodintun, Geoffrey de la Bere, Gilbert de Anestie, Sir Hugh chaplain of Witchurch, William de Greneford, Richard Longus, Richard de Herwes, Richard de Dona clerk.

R.III. f. 454*d*. Hutchins, ii. 270.

Writing indented by John de Chidiok knight lord of Chidiok, having been more fully informed by his neighbours concerning the right of the dean and chapter of Wells in a piece of ground adjoining the chapel of Chidiok whereon a grange has by them been built, touching which a dispute had arisen with them and their farmer of Witchurch, acknowledging that the same is the right of the church of Witchurch and of the dean and chapter; and quitclaim thereof to the dean and chapter and their farmer and to their successors; in consideration whereof the dean and chapter have granted to the said John, that in case they, their successors or their farmers in the said grange should happen to brew for tavern sale, he and his heirs shall have the amends for breach of the assize. Dated Chidiok, Friday after St. Petronilla 4 Edward II. Witnesses: Sir William de Bourne canon of Wells, Sir Stephen de Northwode vicar of Witchurch, William Lyt, William de la Forde, John Bortheyn, John the clerk, Richard Cnyot.

R.III. f. 454*d*.

Admission and institution by Herbert bishop of Salisbury of William de Well' clerk as parson of Witchurch, upon the presentation of Robert de Mandeville knight, paying every year to the common fund of Salisbury 60*s*. at Michaelmas. Dated Sunning, x kal. February 21 bishop Herbert, by the hand of William de Winton. Witnesses: Hugh the chancellor, A. the treasurer, Master T. subdean of Salisbury, A. archdeacon of Berkshire, Master Richard, Thomas de Disc' canons of Salisbury, William de Grimel', Martin de Wilton, Master William *de camera*, Master Peter de Winton.

R.III. f. 455.

Ratification by Robert abbot of Malmesbury, H. prior and G. subprior of Bradenestok (appointed by mandate of Pope Innocent III to determine a cause between Richard parson of Witchurch and Jordan Malet clerk touching the church of Cernemue) of an accord between the parties, whereby the said Jordan shall hold the said chapel during his life, paying yearly to the mother church and to the parson of Witchurch one mark in name of a pension, saving also the ancient right of the mother church touching the burial of the dead, etc.; also of the oath taken by the said Jordan in their presence of fealty to the mother church and for payment of the pension aforesaid. Witnesses: Master John de Winton, Master Richard de Sorestone, John de Foxle, Philip the clerk, Henry the clerk, Simon de Hilleia.

R.III. f. 455.

Proxy by J. bishop of Bath and the chapter of Wells, addressed to R. dean of Salisbury and the chapter, in favour of William archdeacon of Wells and William provost of Cumba canons of Wells, whom they are sending with full power to complete the business of the church of Witchurch. Dated Wells, *pridie id.* August 1241.

R.III. f. 455*d*.

Collation, institution and induction by Richard 'minister of the church of Salisbury' of Master Hugh de Greneford clerk to Witchurch as parson, upon the presentation of Robert de Mandeville knight, paying yearly to the common fund of Salisbury a pension of 60*s*. Dated New Salisbury, xi kal. March 5 bishop Richard, by the hand of John the chaplain. Witnesses: Master William de Merton, Master Elias de Derham, Richard de Mapoudre, Bartholomew de Kemmes and Valentine canons of Salisbury, Robert son of Geoffrey, Gilbert parson of Stapelbrugge, Ralph de Gosle, Hugh Malet, Richard Pauncefot, Andrew the chamberlain, Master Roger de Wyth'.

R.III. f. 455*d*.

Confirmation by Jocelin son of Hubert, canon of Wells, and Reginald Knihpt to Sir Miles the chaplain and his assigns, of the sale of that land of their tenement which he purchased of Master Adam the physician canon of Wells, and the said Adam of John de Cardevile and Mirabella his sister, at a yearly rent of 4*d*. to the said Jocelin and Reginald. Witnesses: Sir Henry Lond' canon of Wells, Walter the chamberlain, Philip de Wyke, Master Thomas Norreis, David the chaplain, Lawrence the reeve, William Bouche, Richard de Dener', Godfrey Petit.

R.III. f. 456.

Proxy by R. dean of Salisbury and the chapter to E. [Giles] archdeacon of Berksyre and R. the succentor, touching the appointment of the church of Witchchurch. Dated Salisbury, St. Luke 1239, by A. the chancellor.

R.III. f. 456.

Fine levied at Westminster in the quinzaine of Michaelmas 26 Henry III, between Geoffrey de Maundeville plaintiff and Joscelin bishop of Bath, the dean and chapter of Wells, Robert bishop of Salisbury and the dean and chapter of Salisbury deforciants, of the advowson of Witchurch upon a writ of *darrein presentment*, assuring the advowson of the vicarage to the bishop of Bath, in consideration whereof the plaintiff shall be partaker in all benefits and prayers of both churches.

R.III. f. 456. Fry, *Dorset Fines*, p. 71.

Charter of King John, reciting a finding in his court by a jury of knights of the vicinage of Merswude that [Geoffrey de Mandeville] the elder held the barony of Merswude as his right and inheritance, and begot Robert de Mandeville, and Robert begot another Geoffrey de Mandeville, to wit Geoffrey of Cocre, who begot Robert de Mandeville father of Robert de Mandeville then claiming the said barony; that the said Geoffrey the elder, after the death of his first wife (mother of Robert as aforesaid) married another, and begot Ralph de Mandeville, who held the said barony after his father's death by the will of King H[enry], for that he was a better knight than Robert his first born brother, and Ralph begot a daughter Dionisia, who was married to William son of

John then steward of Normandy, and he had by her Henry de Tylly; rendering and confirming thereupon to Robert de Mandeville (issue of the first born son and right heir of Geoffrey the elder) and to his heirs the said barony of Merswude with liberties, etc., to hold of the king and his heirs for ever by the service thereof due, and ordering that the said Robert shall not be thereof disseised nor impleaded by any claimant upon writ of *mort d'ancestor*, but only upon writ of right. Witnesses: J. bishop of Norwich, P. bishop of Winchester, G. son of Peter earl of Essex, R. earl of Chester, W. earl de Ferrariis, R. constable of Chester, Robert Fitz Walter, Robert de Veteri Ponte, W. Bruwerr', Peter de Stoke. Dated Porecestre, 24 May 8 John, by the king's hand.

R.III. f. 456*d*.

24 January 1667. The dean and chapter of Wells *versus* Charles Thurleby clerk. Certificate, signed by Jo. Harvey and Jn. Rickman, that this parchment manuscript was shewed unto Alexander Harrison gentleman at his examination at Wells, by virtue of a commission out of the Exchequer.

R.III. f. 457*d*.

LIBER RUBER.

(Section I.)

(All instruments in this volume already calendared in Liber Albus are here omitted.)

Letter of credence by W. Burnel dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to King E[dward I], in favour of Master W. de Haselshawe and Master Thomas de Gorges canons of Wells, whom they are sending, with Hugh Todmer precentor of Bath and William de Hampton monks of Bath, to crave licence to elect a bishop of Bath and Wells upon the death of bishop Robert, the right to elect belonging to them jointly with the prior and convent of Bath. Dated in chapter, etc.

R.II. f. 1.

Letter from Th[omas] prior of Bath and the chapter to W. dean of Wells and the chapter, formally notifying the bishop's death, and requesting them to send proctors to Fernton on Wednesday before St. Andrew to arrange with their proctors for jointly procuring a licence to elect, according to the provision of bishop Roger. Dated in chapter, etc.

R.II. f. 1.

Proxy by W. dean of Wells and the chapter, addressed to the prior and chapter of Bath, in favour of Master Thomas archdeacon of Bath and Henry de Ponte canons of Wells, to provide with their proctors at Fernton on Tuesday the morrow of St. Thomas M. for fixing a day according to the ordinance of bishop Roger for the election of a bishop. Dated in chapter, iiii kal. January.

R.II. f. 1.

Citation by William dean of Wells and the chapter to B. de Clara canon of Wells, to be present in the chapter at Bath on Wednesday after the Conversion of St. Paul to elect a bishop to succeed bishop R. deceased, they having with the prior and chapter of Bath obtained the king's licence to elect, and jointly fixed the day aforesaid according to the ordinance of bishop Roger. Dated in chapter, iii kal. January.

R.II. f. 1.

Similar citation to Master Henry de Newerk dean of York and canon of Wells, to be present as aforesaid or inform them if canonically hindered, committing his functions, if it please him, to one of the other canons. Dated in chapter, as above.

R.II. f. 1*d.*

Precedents drawn from the election of bishop Burnel, 1275.

R.II. f. 1*d.*, 2. (See R.I. f. 91: above p. 113.)

Note that this book was produced 19 January 1802 at the examination of a witness in an Exchequer suit, Jarratt *versus* Bovet and others.

R.II. (portion of leaf between ff. 1 and 2: the rest cut away.)

Proxy by Thomas prior of Bath and the chapter, addressed to W. dean of Wells and the chapter and to their proctors, in favour of Philip de Bathonia their subprior and Richard de Warewik their almoner, to provide at Fernton on Tuesday the morrow of St. Thomas M. for fixing a day, according to the ordinance of bishop Roger, for the joint election of a bishop at Bath. Dated in chapter at Bath, St. Thomas M. 1292.

R.II. f. 2*d*.

Memorandum that Philip de Bathonia subprior and Richard de Warewik almoner of the monastery of Bath, proctors of the prior and convent of Bath, Master Thomas de Axebrugge archdeacon of Bath and Henry de Ponte canons of Wells, proctors of the dean and chapter of Wells, on Tuesday the morrow of St. Thomas M. 1292 met at Fernton to fix a day for the joint election of a bishop, this turn in the church of Bath, according to the ordinance of bishop Roger, and agreed upon Wednesday after the Conversion of St. Paul the same year. Sealed by the said proctors.

R.II. f. 2*d*.

Constitutions and provisions made at a special chapter, vii id, June 1273, in presence of bishop William [de Button] II, for correction of the ordinal, promotion of prebendaries, quarterly accounts and special meetings of chapter, and probation of vicars. (Rubricated).

R.II. f. 3. Reynolds, *Wells Cathedral*, 57-8.

Headings of charters, etc., according to the register thereof. (A rubricated table of the numbered charters, i—ccxlv, agreeing for the most part with the numbers in R. I. ff. 9—62, but with some variations.)

R.II. ff. 3*d*.-7.

List of instruments in that quire of the register of Wells which contains the plea of *quo warranto* and the archbishop's confirmation (*i.e.* R.I. ff. 110-1, 113-8). (Rubricated).

R.II. f. 12*d*.

Order of Reginald bishop of Bath, by assent and counsel of the archdeacons, that the fruits and obventions of vacant churches in his diocese during such vacancy be applied to the fabric of the church of Wells, and go towards the work thereof until it be completed. Done in the chapter of Wells, in presence of Richard the dean, William the precentor, T. archdeacon and almost all the canons.

R.II. f. 14*d*. (Interpolated at the foot of the page.)

Grant by William prior of the hospital of St. John Wells (Wellye) and the brethren to Richard de Buttun precentor of Wells for ever, of a daily service for the faithful in their hospital at the altar of St. John Baptist for the soul of William de Buttun late bishop of Bath and Wells and of the ancestors and successors of the said Richard, so that the same be performed by one of the brethren a chaplain of the said house thereto elected or by his substitute if necessary, submitting themselves to the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells to enforce the same, to whom such chaplain shall be presented every year at Michaelmas or within the octave thereof in the great church of Wells. Witnesses: Edward dean of Wells, Nicholas treasurer of Wells, Ralph de Lullingtun, Master Nicholas de Sancto Quintino, Stephen de Cicestria, Hugh Everard, John de la Pola canons of Wells.

R.II. f. 16*d*.

Inspeximus and assent by Peter dean of Wells and the chapter to a charter of Joscelin bishop of Bath, granting that the hospital of St. John Wells may have its chantry, bells, and churchyard for the burial of the brethren of the said house.

R.II. f. 16*d*. (See R.I. f. 43, clxviii; above p. 49.)

Statutes made on the morrow of St. Augustine the apostle of the English 1241, at a special chapter at Wells, in presence of J. bishop of Bath, concerning a quarterly account of the common fund and the distribution of the surplus; what shall constitute residence; the correction of the ordinal; the powers of the dean; the places of vicars in the choir; the prebend of Wynesham held by the archdeacon of Barc'; and the chapter bell.

R.II. f. 17. See Reynolds, p. 57.

Revision of the ancient statute, by which a yearly account was taken of the common fund of the dean and chapter of Wells, and the surplus was equally divided among the canons who had resided 26 weeks at least, made in presence of Edward dean of Wells, by the will and assent of William bishop of Bath and Wells, providing for a quarterly audit, but the postponement until after Easter of the distribution to follow the third audit at the Annunciation: that 50 marks of the manor of Northcury shall be ready for distribution at the exchequer, and whatever shall be due of farms or other rents: a quarter's residence to be reckoned for the dean and chief parsons of the church at 8 weeks and 4 days, [for other canons at 6 weeks] the quarter consisting of 13 weeks: residence in one quarter not to count towards another: terms to begin on the morrow of Michaelmas, St. Silvester, 1 April, and 1 July. Done in chapter at Wells, iii non. March 1259, in presence of Edward the dean, Gilbert de Byham precentor, John Fortis chancellor, Hugh de Rumen[al] treasurer, John de Axebrugge subdean, Richard succentor of Wells, Master John Odelyn, John de Hereford, Walter de Cusynton, Samuel de Mell', Roger de Shapewyk, Robert de Marescis, Richard de Haldesworth, Robert

Giffard, Nicholas de Wauton, William de Pulton, Adam de Dorcestria, Walter de Purle canons of Wells.

R.II. f. 17. The words in [ ] added in the margin. Compare R.I. f. 105: above p. 141.

Letters patent of King Edward [I], being a licence to Robert bishop of Bath and Wells to surround the churchyard and precinct of the canons' houses within the city of Wells with a stone wall, and to crenellate the same, with gates and posterns which shall be open every day from dawn to night. Tested at Wodestok, 15 March 14 Edward [I].

R.II. f. 18. Pat. *Cal.* p. 229.

Articles for the dean's visitation in the church of Wells.

R.II. f. 18*d*. Reynolds, App. D. p. 125.

Statutes of dean Walter de Haselshaw, passed at a special chapter on the morrow of St. Andrew 1298, and published on the morrow of St. Matthias the same year.

R.II. ff. 19-23. See R.I. ff. 215-220, above pp. 253-256: Reynolds, pp. 59-68, and p. 127. The assessment of prebends (ff. 22*d*, 23; above pp. 255-6) is omitted by Reynolds.

Statutes of dean John de Godelee, made at a special chapter held on Friday after the Purification, and published xvi kal. May 1331.

NOTE.—The proem and statutes 1-3 will be found in Reynolds, App. F. pp. 128-9: statutes 4-12 (4 with some variations, 11 and 12 in the reverse order, and 7 omitted) pp. 74-76: statute 13, App. M. p. 158: statutes 14 to 16, with the conclusion and date, App. F. pp. 129-131. Statute 6 has been struck out in the text. Statute 7, omitted by Reynolds, provides that certain of their charters, which are damaged by weakness or age, shall before Michaelmas be examined in presence of the chancellor (in whose custody they are) copied word for word in a register, and published under the hand of a competent judge. Statute 15 (Reynolds, p. 130) gives the names of the dean and fourteen canons then resident; but for Lawrence de la Garre should be read de la Barre.

R.II. ff. 24-27.

Ordinance of John de Godelee dean of Wells and the chapter, made at the command of Simon archbishop of Canterbury at his visitation, and sealed by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, concerning the farms of Congresbury, one mediety of the church of Whitchurch in Salisbury diocese, Cheddre, Stokgommore, Lidyerd, the canons' grange, Modeforde and Lovyngtone, and of the prebend of Bidesham. Dated Friday after the Annunciation 1332.

R.II. ff. 28*d*., 29. Reynolds, App. G. pp. 131-133.

Inspeximus and confirmation by Henry bishop of Bath and Wells of two statutes of the church of Wells, one beginning *Decanus etc.*, the other a statute declaratory beginning *Item quidam canonici etc.* Dated the palace.

NOTE.—The former of these statutes will be found in Reynolds, p. 44, repeated p. 55: the latter, Reynolds, p. 75.

R.II. f. 30.

Questions to be asked by visitors (of parish churches).

R.II. f. 30*d*. Reynolds, App. D. p. 126. (*Inquirant visitatores——in pace*).

Form of oath to be taken by a canon upon his admission, to obey the dean and chapter, observe the statutes, and defend the rights of the church to whatever estate he may be advanced, and to keep the secrets of the chapter.

R.II. f. 30*d*.

Proceedings of the dean and chapter of Wells in contesting the claims made by bishop John de Drokenesforde in regard to the visitation of the church of Wells, the canons, their prebends (except the church of Barton), the appropriated churches of Northcory, St. Cuthbert Wells, Lovyngton and Bishops Lidierd, and the churches of Nitherstaweye, Carampton, Westludeford, Evercriz, Westbury, Childecumpton and Bromfelde, in 1319.

Appeal by the dean and chapter against the bishop's pretensions: a violent scene at Nithersomerton chapel. Articles, eleven in number, served on them by the bishop, against which they make a further appeal. Scrutiny of registers and muniments, by resolution of a special chapter: Summary of records therein discovered. Answers made by the dean to the bishop's articles (a note of the bishop's confirmation in 1321 interpolated after the answer to the second article), also answers of Master Adam de Murimoth, Master John de Schordich doctor in civil law, and of Master William de Horlee official of the archdeacon of Wells (the last incomplete), and note that answers were put in by Master Richard de Plympstoke but not here copied.

R.II. ff. 31-39. Reynolds, App. H. pp. 133-145.

Copies of various charters, statutes, decrees, etc., relating to the dean and chapter, (ff. 40—47*d*.,) many of which have already been calendared in R. I.

Statutes concerning the powers and duties of the dean and other dignitaries of Wells, the oath of the canons, their penance, arrangements at their death and burial.

R.II. ff. 41-2. Reynolds, 44-46, and 55-57, (in each case with one small addition.)

Bull of Pope Adrian [IV] to Ivo dean of Wells and his brethren present and future, taking them under his protection, confirming them in possession of Wedmor with Mudesle, Merche, Bidesham, etc., Lutton, Witchurch, Cheolecote, Doultincote, Womestorre (*sic*), Wandestreu, Winesham, Cumba and the church of Lacton (*sic*) saving the authority of the papal see and the canonical jurisdiction (*justicia*) of the diocesan. Dated St. Peter Rome, xi kal. February 1157, by Roland cardinal priest and chancellor of Rome.

R.II. f. 45*d*.

Bull of Pope Alexander [III] to Richard dean of Wells and the canons present and future, taking them under his protection, and confirming them in possession of Wedmora with Modeslega, Mercha, Bidesham, Athelestone, Lecham and Thela, the church of Wedmora with the chapels of Merch, Blakeford, Bidesham, Alwarton and Mudeslega, etc., the church of Wochia, Hiwis, the church of Comptona, Lidtona with its chapel, Witchurcha with Benhangre, Chelechota and Dultingcota, Weremestorre, Wandestreu, Wynesham with Lega, Whetelega, Estret and the church thereof and Brumleg, the church of Jattona, Cumba with its appurtenances and church, with the addition of one hide called Clehangre; also the acquisitions of Reginald bishop of Bath, the churches of Piltona, Suthbrenta, Haselberga, and Boclonda, half a hide in Wittona with a virgate of land in Wellis towards the succentorship, half a hide in Welles towards the light of the church with three messuages around the church of St. Cuthbert, the tithes and cherset of the produce and wine of the whole parish of Wells, and the cherset of Herpetreu, which tithes and cherset are assigned to the common fund of the canons; also a pension of 3 marks payable yearly by the canons of Breutona to the church of Wells towards finding a candle to burn before the altar of St. Andrew for ever, in name of the churches of Banewilla and Wesbiria; also the site whereon is the canons' barn, and the meadow of Isaac: confirming further the institutions, customs and dignities granted by Robert bishop of Bath and his predecessors, the ordinance made by the said bishop, with their consent, concerning the offices of dean, precentor, archdeacon and other dignities, the divisions of prebends, etc., and the liberty of burial save of those under excommunication or interdict, saving the authority of the papal see and the canonical jurisdiction (*justicia*) of the diocesan. Dated Anagni, xvii kal. July 1176, by Gratianus subdeacon of the church of Rome and notary.

R.II. f. 46.

Inspeximus by Thomas prior of Bath and the convent of a charter of Roger bishop of Bath and Wells, confirming to the chapter of Wells, their lands churches and other possessions. (Incomplete).

R.II f. 47. For the charter of Bishop Roger see R.III. ff. 3*d*.-6: above pp. 306-8.

Memorandum of bishop Drokensford's claims: ix kal. August 1321.

R.II. f. 48. See R.III. f. 244*d*.: above p. 429.

The bishop's answer to the articles of the dean and chapter: iiii kal. October 1321.

R.II. f. 48*d*. See R.I. f. 156: : above p. 195. Reynolds, App. I. p. 146.

The bishop's commission of inquiry on certain points therein specified: non. October 1321.

R.II. f. 49. See R.I. f. 163: above p. 203.

Memorandum of the bishop's grant concerning vacant benefices : xviii kal. January 1321.

R.II. f. 49. See R.I. f. 163*d*: above p. 203.

Memorandum of the bishop's grant concerning the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter : same date.

R.II. f. 49*d*. See R.I. f. 163*d*.: above p. 203.

The bishop's bond for certain ornaments : same date.

R.II. f. 50. See R.I. f. 164: above p. 204.

Memorandum of the bishop's grant concerning the jurisdiction of the precentor and chancellor : same date.

R.II. f. 50. See R.I. f. 164: above p. 203.

Award of bishop Jocelin between the dean and subdean, concerning their jurisdiction.

R.II. f. 50*d*. See R.I. f. 43*d*., No. clxx : above p. 49.

Statute of 1268 concerning residence.

R.II. f. 50*d*. See R.I. f. 87*d*.: above p. 108.

Award of bishop Drokensford concerning the jurisdiction of the dean and subdean, 1310.

R.II. f. 51. See R.I. f. 156*d*.. above p. 196.

Memorandum that on Friday the Translation of St. Thomas M. 1340, Master John de Milton vicar in the church of Wells craved permission of dean Walter de London and the chapter for Sir Hugh de Alresforde his fellow to dwell with him according to the statute.—Granted, upon condition that Sir William de Walton, now dwelling with Master John, be not wronged. Present: (dean's side) the dean, the archdeacon of Wells, the chancellor, Master John de Orleton, John de Hywysch ; (precentor's side) the precentor, Michael de Eston, Master Robert de Baldok, Henry Fulham, Geoffrey de Chelchehuth.

R.II. f. 51*d*.

The visitation of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells in the church of Wells, Wednesday after St. Nicholas 1337. (Carefully engrossed in double column).

R.II. f. 52. Reynolds, App. K. pp. 148-9.

Memorandum that a citation by bishop Ralph to the dean and chapter of Wells, to attend his visitation, was notified in chapter 5 September 1338 by master John de Carlton a canon. Their appeal against it, by Richard de Thitytemerssh (Ticemerssh) their proctor. Visit of the dean, accompanied by Master William de Salton, John de London and Master Nicholas de Bathonia, to

the bishop at Blakeford to remonstrate: a compromise proposed, but rejected by the chapter. Their appeal notified to the bishop at Merk, where he was interfering with the dean's jurisdiction. (Incomplete).

R.II. ff. 53*d.*, 54. Reynolds, App. L. pp. 149-50.

Record of a suit in the court of Common Pleas in Easter term 15 Edward III (roll lxx) between Walter de London dean of Wells plaintiff (by Geoffrey Martyn his attorney) and Walter de Frandon (Farndon) and Maud his wife defendants (by John Manshipp their attorney), upon a writ of entry concerning the bailiwick of bedel of the hundred of Bempston, claimed by the dean in right of his deanery, but demised to defendants by Nicholas de Langelonde who (as plaintiff alleges) wrongfully disseised dean Henry Husee his predecessor, which disseisin defendants deny. In Trinity term 16 Edward III a jury find for plaintiff, and further that the said bailiwick had been held by deans Henry Husee, Walter de Haselschawe, William Burnel, Thomas de Button, Edward atte Knolle in the time of King Henry III, and the deans before him time out of mind; and that there is no collusion between the parties. Judgment for plaintiff. Writ to the sheriff of Somerset accordingly, tested by J. de Stonore at Westminster, 6 June 16 Edward III.

R.II. f. 54*d.*

Quitclaim by Walter de Farndon to Walter de London dean of Wells and his successors, of the bailiwick of bedel of the hundred of Bempston by him recovered in the king's court. Witnesses: Anselm de Gornay, Adamar de Northlode, Richard de Countevyle, William de Modeslyee and John his son, Nicholas atte Pulle and Walter his son, Bertram de Dombleton, John Manshepe, William de Ssheldon, Richard de Morton, Robert le Clerk, William de Lyeth. Dated Wedmor, 19 January 16 Edward III.

R.II. f. 55.

Writ to . . . de Wellelegh bailiff of Bempston, directing him to cause Walter de London dean of Wells to have view of the bailiwick of bedel of Bempton which John de Langelonde claims against him, and to instruct four knights present at that view to appear at Westminster on the morrow of St. Martin to testify thereto; also to produce this writ on Thursday after St. Simon and St. Jude at the account with the sheriff.

R.II. f. 55.

Record of a suit in the court of Common Pleas in Trinity term 19 Edward III (roll ccxxxiiii), between John de Langelond plaintiff (by Richard Beyvyn his attorney) and Walter de London dean of Wells defendant (by John Moryz his attorney), upon a writ of *formedon*, concerning the bailiwick of bedel of Bempston, which (as plaintiff alleges) William de Countevile gave to Nicholas de Langelonde and Joan his wife and to the heirs of their bodies; from which Nicholas and Joan it descended to Sir Hugh their

son and heir, and from Sir Hugh to John his son and heir, now plaintiff. The dean produces a quitclaim with warranty under the seal of plaintiff, witnessed by Richard de Hampton, Walter le Yreys, Walter de Sutton, Anselm de Gournay, Almaric de Northlode, Bertram de Dumbeltone, John le Riche, John de Arderne and William de Legh, dated Merk, Monday before St. Gregory P. 19 Edward III, which plaintiff cannot gainsay. Judgment for defendant.

R.II. f. 55, and rider.

Accord between Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and Walter de London dean of Wells, that no new right of possession shall accrue to the bishop in regard to his jurisdiction by reason of the citation to Thomas Tychemersh and John Cherde clerks, altarists and ministers in the church of Wells, to appear before him touching certain defaults and excesses committed in the church and city of Wells, made by Nicholas de Iford canon of Wells by the said bishop's command; but that the dean's jurisdiction in the said church over the canons, vicars and ministers shall remain unimpaired. Dated Wells, v id. July 1342.

R.II. f. 55*d*.

Declaration of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to Walter de London dean of Wells, that the crimes of certain parishioners of Wedmor and Evercrich (subject to the dean), for which Master John de Middelton the bishop's commissary general had summoned them before him and ordered some to be flogged and others to purge themselves by compurgators, were found upon careful inquiry to have been committed outside the dean's jurisdiction; and that the bishop's intention is not to do anything derogatory to the dean or to his jurisdiction aforesaid. Dated Wells, v id. July 1342.

R.II. f. 55*d*.

Declaration of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells to the dean and chapter of Wells, that neither in making inquisition in his chapel by his clerks touching the vacancy of the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman, the right of presentation, etc., at the instance of Robert Feure the presentee, nor in the admission and institution of the said Robert, did the said bishop intend to do anything derogatory to the dean or to his jurisdiction. Dated Wyvelescombe, vi kal. July 1347.

R.II. f. 55*d*.

Memorandum of an accord between Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and Walter de London dean of Wells, in regard to an inquisition made in the bishop's chapel by his clerks touching a vacancy of the vicarage of the prebendal church of St. Decuman, etc., and to the subsequent induction of Sir Robert Feure chaplain without consulting the dean; namely that the dean shall in future make such inquisitions of prebendal and other churches in his jurisdiction in the church of Wells as heretofore, and shall induct

vicars, and that no new right or possession shall accrue to the bishop by the proceedings aforesaid to the prejudice of the dean. Done in the chapter house Wells, 30 September 1348, in presence of Master Walter de Hulle archdeacon of Bath, Master William de Littelton precentor, Master Michael de Eston succentor, Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer, Robert de Baldok, John de London, Henry de Fulham, John Hywisch, Geoffrey Chelcheth, William Kinardelegh, Stephen Tripp, John Wambergh, Richard de Sodbury canons of Wells.

R.II. f. 56.

Letter of J. de Middelton rector of Bleodon (not as the bishop's commissary, but as a rector of the diocese of Bath and Wells) to the dean of Poulet, requesting him to give notice to the beneficed clergy of that deanery to appear in person or by proxy in the cathedral of Wells on Wednesday after St. Lucy with the other beneficed clergy of the archdeaconry of Wells, to treat concerning a difference which has arisen between them and the dean and chapter and the archdeacon of Wells, who claim the autumn fruits of benefices in that archdeaconry vacated after the Annunciation, though by the custom of the diocese such fruits belong to the last rector ; which difference the parties have agreed to submit to the bishop's award. Dated Wells, 1 December.

R.II. f. 57.

Similar letter (not in the same words) to the dean of Jevelchester.

R.II. f. 57.

Monition by Walter de London dean of Wells to William de Littelton precentor and canon of Wells, to pay within the quinzaine of Michaelmas next to Master Simon de Bristoll chancellor, Master Richard de Thisteldene treasurer, Master Michael de Estone succentor and Geoffrey de Chelch[eth] canon of Wells 100*l.*, which he has judicially acknowledged to be due before the said dean, under pain of excommunication.

R.II. f. 57.

Letter of the archbishop of Canterbury to the bishops of his province, urging them in his own absence abroad to resist, especially in parliament, the demands of the Chancery for subsidies levied upon the clergy contrary to custom and without the king's knowledge or consent. Dated Andewarpia, 24 March.

R.II. f. 57*d*. Reynolds, App. M. p. 151.

Woky, 28 May 1338. Agreement between Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and Master Roger de Mortuo Mari archdeacon of Wells, meeting in the bishop's chamber, concerning the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the archdeaconry of Wells ; namely that the archdeacon and his ministers shall have the correction and punishment of crimes committed by persons within the archdeaconry, as he and his predecessors used to have, if they can in

their citations anticipate the bishop and his ministers, and the bishop or his ministers if they can anticipate the archdeacon and his ministers, with the exception of simple fornications (when both parties are unmarried, provided one be not a clerk, religious person or lay brother) the punishment whereof shall belong to the archdeacon to the exclusion of the bishop until the third offence, and then to the bishop: that when a plaintiff chooses to bring his adversary of the said archdeaconry before the archdeacon or his ministers, the archdeacon shall have the cognisance of his cause, as he and his predecessors used to have, but the bishop if he choose to bring him before the bishop or his ministers, provided that those subject to the archdeacon outside his archdeaconry may not be brought before the archdeacon but by consent of both parties: that the bishop shall not have an apparitor on foot in the said archdeaconry, but his general apparitor on horseback shall act, and the archdeacon shall have no apparitor on horseback but be content with one on foot: that the bishop and his ministers shall have the probate of wills of all in the archdeaconry who choose to resort to him during his visitation, the archdeacon and his ministers of those who choose to resort to them, and the passing of their accounts, as he and his predecessors used to have: and that the archdeacon shall have the examination and presentation for orders of those in the archdeaconry, reserving to the bishop the right to examine them further when he shall choose. Done in presence of Walter de London dean, William de Luttleton precentor, Simon le Botiller chancellor, Richard de Thisteldene treasurer and John de Wamberge canon of Wells; and attested by Walter de Hulle clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.II. f. 58.

Woky, 5 July 1338. Acknowledgment by Sir Walter de Rodenye knight, after debate in the bishop's chamber with Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells and Thomas Gene of Congresbury touching the bedelry of the hundred of Wynterstoke, that he had no right in the courts and halmotes within the said hundred held by the bishop's authority, nor in the profits therefrom arising, or the executions thereof, nor by reason of the enclosure of the park of Westbury, but is content with the said office and those things whereof he and Sir Richard his father in his life time was by reason thereof possessed, with undertaking that he would be ready at all times to make faithful executions for the enclosure aforesaid. Oath of Thomas Gene, appointed by Sir Walter to the said office, that he will faithfully execute the commands of the bishop, his steward and bailiffs concerning the said hundred, and answer for all profits due therefrom to the bishop. Done in presence of Master John de Wamberge canon of Wells, Roger de Brekebek, Roger atte Walle, John de Combe, John de Pulle, and of a notary.

R.II. f. 58*d*.

10 December 1337. Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells sitting in the chapter house of Wells to exercise his office of visitor,

Walter de London the dean caused a certificate with schedule under his seal, dated Wells v id. December the same year, to be presented by Master John de London his official, which Master John de Carleton the bishop's clerk and official there received and caused to be read, wherein was recited the bishop's citation, dated Everecrich, xi kal. December 1337, and his mandate to cite all who ought to be present to his visitation on Wednesday after St. Nicholas, and the dean's execution thereof, and in the schedule the names of those cited, Master William de Littleton precentor, Master Roger de Mortuo Mari archdeacon of Wells, Master Richard de Thisteldene treasurer, Master Walter de Hulle subdean. Whereupon the bishop caused those persons to be preconised, and certain of them to be interrogated singly touching certain articles by him proposed, and their answers to be set down in writing. Done in presence of Master Stephen Tripp and Master William de Ludeford notaries public, and attested by William de Camel clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.II. f. 59: repeated f. 66.

4 December 1338. Master John de Carleton official of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, in the cathedral of Wells, delivered to Walter de London the dean a letter under the bishop's seal, dated Woky iiii kal. December 1338, stating that at his late visitation of their church it was found that the fruits of the church of Burnham appropriated to the chapter of Wells were not applied to the fabric of their church according to the terms of the appropriation, and an injunction was issued thereupon: that certain statutes of the time of dean John de Godeleghe were not observed, and an injunction was issued to examine and exhibit the statutes of the church before Easter, that the said bishop might approve or disallow the same, as the case might be: also that canons, vicars and other ministers taking part in the daily distribution were not present at the canonical hours, and an injunction was issued that they should attend, and absentee vicars should be more severely punished: and that it has since been found that the books and vestments need correction and repair, and an injunction was issued to correct and repair the same against Michaelmas, especially defects in the ordinal; and ordering the said dean to see that those his monitions are obeyed, and to report in writing thereupon before All Saints next. Done in presence of Sir William de Bathonia vicar, and John Benet: attested by William de Camel clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.II. f. 59*d.*: repeated f. 62.

27 October 1338. In the cathedral of Wells, before Walter de London dean of Wells, Master John de Middelton rector of Bloedon produced and read a letter under seal of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Everecrich, ii kal. October 1338, directing him to convey a monition to the said dean to present a vicar with a sufficient portion to the parish church of Merk, to him appropriated, within six months, according to the canons and con-

stitutions, failing which the bishop would appoint by default: which the said rector did, in presence of Master William de Salton canon of Wells and Nicholas le Mason. Attested by William de Camel, as above.

R.II. f. 60.

7 March 1335. Master John de Carleton official and commissary of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, before the said bishop in his hall of Evercrich, set forth that he, by the bishop's authority, suspended Valentine de Gernevyle vicar of Wells (there present) during one half year for certain excesses by him judicially acknowledged, and he obeyed until Sunday last past, on which day he appeared in his habit in the church, though seven weeks of the said term yet remained, wherefore the said official made complaint to the president and canons, who ordered the said Valentine immediately to put off his habit, and so he did. The said vicar having acknowledged the truth, and submitted himself upon oath to the bishop's grace and order, the bishop ordered that he should stand suspended 8 days from Sunday next, and then resume his habit. Done in presence of Master Robert Hereward archdeacon of Taunton and canon of Wells, Master John de Risyngdone rector of Jevele, Master John de Middeltone rector of Scheptone Beauchamp, Stephen Trippe and William de Camel clerks notaries public: attested by William de Ludeford clerk of the diocese of Bath and Wells notary public.

R.II. f. 60*d*.

10 December 1337. Examination of Walter de London dean of Wells by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells during his visitation in the chapter house of Wells. Consent by the said dean that the bishop should proceed against the canons touching their titles; and undertaking to produce his own title at the bishop's pleasure. Done in presence of Master William de Ludeford and Master William Camel notaries public; and attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 61. Reynolds, App. M. p. 152.

4 December 1335. Charge laid by bishop Ralph in the chapter house of Wells against Master Thomas de Haselschaue canon of Wells (there present), that at his late visitation it was found that the said canon too frequently drank in taverns in the city of Wells. Denial by the said canon, three occasions excepted, when he partook of breakfast therein at the invitation of certain great lords. Inhibition against doing so again, to which the said canon promised obedience, in presence of Master John de Carletone and William de Ludeford notary public.

Charge against Robert Ros vicar of Wells that he was found guilty of incontinence with Christina Coteners, whereof he purged himself, in presence of Master John de Middeltone rector of Scheptone Beauchamp and William de Ludeforde notary public.

Attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 61. Reynolds, App. M. p. 152.

30 October 1338. Bishop Ralph sitting in the chapter house at Wells to correct certain matters found in his late visitation, in presence of Walter de London the dean, William de Litteltone precentor, Richard de Thisteldene treasurer, Michael de Estone succentor, Robert Baldok, William de Seltone, William de Cleyhangre, John Martel, John de Wambergh, Robert de Stonore, Henry de Carletone, John de London canons, a visitation roll prepared by Master John de Carletone his official was exhibited and read.

As to the application of the fruits of Burnham church to the fabric of Wells, Baldok and others alleged that the church was charged with so many pensions and chantries that little was left, others questioned the terms of the appropriation. Order that the deed be viewed, and the fruits applied in accordance therewith.

As to the statutes of dean Godele (not specified in the roll): order that the statutes be examined and exhibited by Easter, and submitted to the bishop's approval.

As to the absence of canons and others from canonical hours, when answer was made for the vicars that in case of absence their daily allowance is withdrawn, counter allegation was made that it is allowed to them by favour: order that canons be present in future, and no favour be shewn to absent vicars.

As to books and ornaments, especially the ordinal, order that repairs and corrections be made before the Nativity of St. John Baptist, but the date altered to Michaelmas at the request of one of the canons in the name of the dean and chapter.

Done in presence of Master John de Middeltone rector of Bloedone and Roger Brykebek; attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 61*d*. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 152-3.

4 December 1338. The bishop's letter of iiii kal. December touching the above orders delivered by his official to the dean.

R.II. f. 62. See above f. 59*d*.. p. 540. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 153–4.

1 May 1336. In the chapter house at Wells, being assembled bishop Ralph, Master William de Littleton precentor, Master Roger de Mortuo Mari archdeacon of Wells, Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, Master Richard de Thisteldene treasurer, Master Walter de Hulle subdean, Michael de Estone succentor, Master John de Bryuton, Master Lawrence de la Barre, Thomas de Haselschawe, Robert de Stonore, Henry de Fulham and Richard de Rodeneye canons, the bishop set forth that one Cecily de Pountfrett, a woman of evil repute, was too familiar with some of the canons, who made divers excuses: monition to all the canons, under pain of excommunication, not to receive her in their houses. Done in presence of Master Simon le Botiller rector of Bartone in Lincoln diocese, Master John de Middeltone rector of Scheptone Beauchamp, Master Thomas de Ayssche rector of Cherletone Makerel, Master Stephen Trippe and Master William de Camel notaries public: attested by William de Ludeford notary public, and by the said William de Camel.

R.II. f. 63. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 154-5.

13 September 1333. Bishop Ralph. Master Thomas de Retford chancellor, Richard de Thysteldene treasurer, Lawrence de la Barre, Walter de Borthone (Berthon), John de Wambergh, John Martel, John Pymme and Robert de Stonore canons of Wells, and William de Tykhulle proctor of dean Richard de Bury (absent abroad) being in the bishop's chamber at Woky, after debate touching the manner of his visitation in the church of Wells, the bishop consented to visit the dean, canons, vicars and ministers in the person of the dean, or of his representative if absent, and keep the custom of the church.

The same day the bishop repaired to the cathedral for his visitation, and in the chapter house visited the canons, vicars and ministers in the person of Master Richard de Thistelden treasurer, in the dean's absence, putting questions which he answered, and ordered the answers to be written in the visitation rolls.

In presence of Master John de Carletone and Master Walter de Banewelle: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 63*d*.: repeated f. 68*d*. Reynolds, App. M. p. 154.

30 October 1338. Before bishop Ralph in the hall of his palace at Wells, Walter de London the dean, William de Litteltone precentor, Richard de Thistelden treasurer, Robert Baldok, William de Saltone, William de Cleyhangre, John Martel, John de Wambergh, Robert de Stonore, Henry de Carletone, and John de London canons of Wells propounded a form of accord touching certain appeals lodged by the chapter against the bishop, which was read by canon John de Carleton the bishop's clerk, namely that the bishop should on Friday next attend the chapter and correct what was found concerning the chapter at his late visitation and nothing else, not by virtue of any citation made by his official, saving always the rights and customs of the dean and chapter. To this the parties agreed. Thereupon Richard de Tychemers proctor of the dean and chapter read a written renunciation of all such appeals lodged since 1 September, save those lodged for the dean. Done in presence of Master John de Middeltone and Master Roger Brikebek: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 63*d*.

12 April 1338. In the parish church of Kynggestone by Tanton, Sir John rector of Legh dean of Tanton exhibited a letter, dated v id. April, to himself and the vicar of Tanton addressed by bishop Ralph, stating that, at the instance of Sir Maurice Pees rector of St. Lawrence Exeter, Sir Richard de Rokebere, pretending to be vicar of Kynggestone, was excommunicated, and the revenues of that church were sequestrated by authority of the bishop and of the archdeacon of Tanton, but for forty days he had been in contempt, and ordering them to publish such excommunication in the same and neighbouring churches, to cite the said Richard on Wednesday after *quasimodo* Sunday to shew cause why the

bishop should not write to the king's majesty for a caption, and to inhibit the parishioners or others from communicating with the said Richard, or paying him any of the said revenues. In accordance with which letter the said dean published the excommunication, sequestration and inhibition aforesaid in presence of two hundred and more parishioners and others: but the said Richard immediately said 'If the bishop has excommunicated me, I excommunicate him,' and putting on his vestments celebrated mass. And the parishioners and others by force detained the said dean and his witnesses with closed doors till mass was over, threatening that they should receive the communion from the said Richard: after which the said Richard administered the communion to great number of the parishioners. Done in presence of Sir Maurice Pees, John Lokyer and Philip le Taillour; and attested by Thomas de Hulle clerk of the diocese of Wells, notary public.

R.II. f. 64. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 155-6.

3 November 1335. Master John de Carleton the bishop's official and commissary, sitting in the parish church of Axebrugge, laid a charge against Sir Valentine de Gernevyle vicar of Wells of incontinence with Alice Orum and Felicia Louelyn, which he confessed, pleading that in the former case he was corrected by the bishop after his visitation, and was now suspended for one half year. Done in presence of Master John de Middeltone rector of Scheptone Beauchamp and Robert de Mackenee vicar of Wells; attested by Stephen Trippe.

R.II. f. 65. Reynolds, App. M. p. 156.

4 December 1335. Charges against canon Thomas de Haselschawe, and Robert Ros vicar (as above f. 61; p. 541, with slight verbal variations): attested by William de Ludeford notary public.

R.II. f. 65*d*. Reynolds, App. M. p. 156.

10 December 1337. Visitation of bishop Ralph (as above, f. 59; pp. 539-540).

R.II. f. 66.

3 November 1335. Master John de Carleton the bishop's official and commissary, sitting in the parish church of Axebrugge, laid a charge against Valentine de Gernevile vicar of Wells of incontinence with Felicia Louelyn, which he confessed, and was suspended for one half year.

Afterwards, 17 November, sitting in the parish church of Chyw, the said commissary laid a charge against Nicholas le Bray called Lardyner of laying violent hands upon Master Byndus de Byndinellis* clerk within the parish of St. Cuthbert Wells, incurring thereby sentence of excommunication, which the said Nicholas denied, and was ordered to purge himself by five compurgators

the day following, but at his request the number was reduced to three; and he so purged himself accordingly.

Attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 66*d*. * Occurs as Bindus de Bandinellis in *Calendar of Papal Letters* and *Papal Petitions*.

10 December 1337. Before bishop Ralph, at his visitation, dean Walter de London consented to exhibit his title at the will of the bishop, and that the bishop should proceed against the canons touching their titles; in presence of Master John de Carleton and Master William de Ludeford notaries public.

Afterwards, 15 December, Master Simon de Bristoll, collated by the bishop to the chancellorship of Wells by exchange, in the cathedral of Bath, before the said bishop, made oath to reside at Wells according to the statutes, to give or cause to be given lectures in theology or in decrees at the usual times for lectures in the University of Oxford, according to the bishop's ordinance, and to obey the bishop, his officials and ministers; in presence of Master John de Carletone and John de Wambergh canons of Wells and John de Middeltone clerk.

Attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 66*d*. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 160-1. For the ordinance see Reg. Ralph de Salopia, Somerset Record Soc. ix. 341.

2 December 1336. John de Middletone rector of Scheptone Beauchamp the bishop's commissary, sitting in the parish church of Evercrich, laid a charge against Joan Costentyn of Alwartone of adultery with Richard le Pighelare, which she denied since her last correction by the dean's official, and thereof purged herself.

Afterwards, 13 May 1337, the said commissary, sitting in the prebendal church of Wyvelescombe, laid a charge against Robert Ros of Clutone vicar in Wells cathedral of incontinence with Cecily Pountfrett, which he confessed within the city of Wells only, and was suspended from taking the fruits of the church of Clutone for one half [year]. Afterwards on the 14 May, before Master John de Carletone the bishop's official, and commissary in the church of the hospital of St. John of Bruges, the said Robert requested that the suspension aforesaid might be changed for another penance, which the said commissary did, with consent of his said fellow commissary also there present, and this the said Robert undertook to carry out.

Afterwards, 29 October 1337, Master John de Middeltone the bishop's commissary, sitting in the parish church of Evercrich, laid a charge against Henry Payn of that parish of adultery with Isabel Bighorn, which he denied since his last correction by the dean's official, and thereof purged himself.

Attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 67. For Payn's case see Reynolds, App. M. pp. 159-60.

15 September 1338. Master John de Middelton rector of Bloedone the bishop's commissary, sitting in the parish church of Banewelle, laid a charge against Alice Manschupe of Blakeford

of fornication with Richard atte Pulle at Blakeford, which she confessed, and was ordered to go barefoot twice round the church of Banewelle.

Also against Cristina Cokes of Cockelake of the parish of Wedmor of fornication with John de Countevyle of Alwarton the younger, which she confessed, and was ordered the like penance.

This penance was immediately performed by both women.

Done in presence of Robert de Hulle and John Pride: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 67*d*. Reynolds, App. M. p. 160.

2 April 1339. Master John de Middeltone rector of Bloedone the bishop's commissary being in the bishop's chapel at Woky, Master John de London canon of Wells and Master Robert de Crassale clerks of Master Walter de London dean of Wells charged the said commissary with summoning before him Richard de Countevyle lord of Alwartone and others of the dean's jurisdiction named in a rescript by him obtained from the court of Canterbury, to the prejudice of the jurisdiction aforesaid; and he answered that some of them were administering the goods of one intestate, and were summoned for matters done outside such jurisdiction. In presence of Master John de Carleton and Master Stephen de Hulle clerks: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 67*d*.

28 December 1337. In the chapter house of Wells, Master William de Lutleton precentor of Wells (as president in the dean's absence) craved of Master Simon de Bristoll chancellor of Wells his oath of obedience to the dean and chapter, whose answer was that the chancellor and other dignitaries are subject immediately to the bishop and not bound to obey the dean and chapter; the said president after debate put on record (*allegavit*) the allegation and reply aforesaid; and the said Simon took an oath to preserve the liberties and customs of the church of Wells. Done in presence of Master Walter de Hulle subdean, Master John de Carletone, and John Pym of London canons, and Stephen de Hulle notary public: attested by William de Ludeford notary public.

R.II. f. 68. See Reynolds, App. M. p. 161.

13 September 1333. Debate at Woky between bishop Ralph, and Master Thomas de Retford chancellor and other canons and the dean's proctor, touching the manner of his visitation; and visitation the same day in the chapter house accordingly; Master Nicholas de Bathonia being also named as present.

R.II. f. 68*d*. (See above f. 63*d*., p. 543.)

10 December 1337. Bishop Ralph being in the chapter house of Wells at his visitation, before Walter de London dean, Master Roger de Mortuo Mari archdeacon of Wells, William de Lutleton precentor, Richard de Thistelden treasurer, Walter de Hulle subdean, John de Carleton, John de London, William de Cleangre and other canons forming the chapter, the dean caused a certificate

of their summons to the visitation to be delivered to the bishop; which having been read, one of the canons in their name addressed the bishop, stating that the custom was for the visitation of the chapter and canons to be made in the person of the dean, wherefore they need not remain for the examination; whereupon all the canons withdrew except the dean and those who were of the bishop's household, and the bishop examined the dean, who made answer to divers articles: to the question whether the goods of the chapter were faithfully spent, he made answer that the fruits of the church of Bornham were not applied to the fabric of Wells according to the terms of its appropriation to the dean and chapter; and to the question of defects in books, vestments and ornaments, that books and vestments needed repair, and especially the books in the ordinal were not corrected. Done in presence of Master John de Carletone the bishop's official, Master Stephen Trippe and Master William de Camel clerks notaries public: attested severally by William de Ludeford clerk notary public, the said William de Camel, and Stephen Trippe.

R.II. f. 68*d*. Reynolds, App. M. p. 157.

1339. In the bishop's chamber at Woky, Walter de London dean of Wells, alleging that the term appointed him to exhibit the statutes and customs by his predecessor published that the bishop might approve or disallow the same had not expired, exhibited certain statutes and customs published by dean John de Godelee in writing. Done in presence of Master John de Carletone the bishop's official and John de London canons of Wells: attested by William de Camel notary public.

R.II. f. 69*d*. For these statutes, see ff. 25—6: above p. 532. The preamble, and arrangements for liquidation of debt, repairs, and the division of a deceased canon's revenue between his executors and successor (f. 24) are here omitted, also the order to copy damaged charters in a register (f. 25) and in the last statute concerning mass priests, the words *in librario ejusdem ecclesie*, and the word *claustrum;* while the first statute concerning residence begins with *In primis* instead of *Item*. See also Reynolds, pp. 74—76, where the order of the two statutes concerning vicars is inverted, and the last statute concerning mass priests relegated to App. M. p. 158.

1 July 1337. Master John de Middelton rector of Scheptone Beauchamp the bishop's commissary sitting in the parish church of Banewelle, Robert de Notyngham clerk made answer to the charge of administering the goods of Thomas de Retford chancellor of Wells deceased intestate in violation of a sequestration thereon interposed by the bishop's authority, and produced a will of the deceased, dated Saturday before St. Dunstan 1337, and proved before Walter de London the dean at Wells viii kal. June 1337, with a grant of administration under his seal to the said Robert, Sir Walter vicar of Kynggesbury and Sir John Anketil priest, the two latter *ex officio*, (Sir Hugh de Alresford and Sir Stephen de Kynggestone renouncing, and power being reserved to Sir Henry de Fulham the other executor in the will named,) Thomas Testwode citizen of Wells having mainprised for the said Walter who had no goods in the jurisdiction. This probate the said commissary annulled by decree. Copy of will,

desiring to be buried in the chapel of the Virgin Mary in the upper part of the cathedral choir, with bequests to brother John de Retford his brother (*germano*), Master Richard de Retford doctor of divinity, Thomas de Retford his cousin, and brother Thomas de Retford, to John de Horspathe, John de Hamptone and John de Northryn creditors of Master Roger Drokenesford deceased, to Adam his brother, Alexander le Barbour and Isabel his niece; of plate to his cousin Robert de Notyngham, Sir Henry de Fulham, Sir Hugh de Alresford, Sir Stephen de Kynggestone, Sir Richard de Bray, and Sir Richard de Tychemersh, the residue to Robert de Notyngham; and naming the above executors, and Sir Richard Bray, William de Codeworthe, John Hywyssh and Sir Stephen de Kyngeston as witnesses to a gift made in his life time. Done in presence of Stephen Trippe notary public and Robert atte Hulle of Gloucester clerk: attested by William de Ludeford notary public.

R.II. f. 70*d*. Reynolds, App. M. pp. 158-9.

20 November 1337. Bishop Ralph, being in the chapel of his palace at Wells, collated Master John de Middeltone rector of Sceptone Beauchamp to the chancellorship of Wells, which he accepted, and swore that within one month of obtaining possession he would lecture or find a lecturer at Wells according to the bishop's ordinance, that he would reside, and that he would be obedient to the bishop. Done in presence of Master John de Carletone the bishop's official and Roger rector of Whitestaunton: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 71. Reynolds, App. M. p. 161.

31 March 1339, about the hour of vespers, Sir Richard de Tychemersh communar in Wells cathedral and Philip de Bristoll vicars of Wells, being before bishop Ralph in the hall of his manor of Woky, on behalf of the dean and chapter offered him one loaf, one pig, and one bladder of mead, being part of a yearly rent of two loaves, two pigs and two bladders of mead due (as they alleged) to the church of Wells from the abbot and convent of Glastonbury: which the bishop took as a moiety of the said rent due (as he alleged) to him in name of his church, and ordered the same to be divided among the poor by his household. Done in presence of Master John de Carletone the bishop's official, Master John de Rysyngdone rector of Jevele, and Nicholas de Kynardeseie: attested by Simon de Fareweye clerk of the diocese of Exeter notary public.

R.II. f. 71*d*. Reynolds App. M. p. 159.

19 June 1338. Master Richard de Bynteworthe clerk canon (it was said) of Wells and prebendary of Shaldeford, being at Ipswich in the great chamber of the dwelling house of John Irp in Seyntepetrestrete, resigned his canonry and prebend into the hands of bishop Ralph. Done in presence of Ralph Moygne clerk and Walter de Foxcote a literate person of the said Richard's

household: attested by Robert called le Spicer of Farendoné clerk of the diocese of Salisbury notary public.

R.II. f. 72. Reynolds, App. M. p. 160.

13 March 1338. Before bishop Ralph in the chapel of his palace at Wells, Robert atte Boxe made oath never to aid or favour John de Actone knight against the bishop, but to disclose and hinder any attempts to the bishop's harm. Done in presence of Master John de Carletone the bishop's official, Master John de Middeltone rector of Bloedone, Master Stephen Trippe rector of Camel, William de Camel rector of Jeveltone: attested by Simon de Fareweye clerk of Exeter diocese notary public.

R.II. f. 72. Reynolds, App. M. p. 160.

11 January 1338. Monition by John de Carletone the bishop's official, by command of the bishop being in his court at Woky, to Sir Robert de E pele vicar of the prebendal church of Milvertone to obey the bishop; and oath of obedience by the said Robert. In presence of Master Richard de Thisteldene treasurer of Wells, Master Robert Hereward archdeacon of Tanton and prebendary of Milverton, Thomas Jonge the said archdeacon's official, John de Middeltone rector of Bloedone, Simon Fareweye notary public: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 72*d*.

9 July 1341. Thomas de Haselschawe the younger, a literate person late of the household of Sir John de Shordich knight, being before bishop Ralph by a road of the town of Chyw leading to the Bristol road, made his submission and an oath to abide the bishop's order touching all offences laid to his charge. Done in presence of Sir Walter de Rodeneye knight, Master Nicholas de Cloebury, Master John de Middletone, John de Rysyngdone, Thomas de Rodeneye, William Camel: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 72*d*.

Decree of Walter de Hulle subdean and Master John de Wambergh canon of Wells, subdelegates appointed by John archbishop of Canterbury primate and papal legate, the sole judge named by bull of the late Pope John XXII in this matter, appropriating to the table of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells the church of Chyw (the revenues whereof do not in ordinary years exceed 50 marks), and empowering him to take possession thereof upon the death or cession of the now rector, in accordance with his petition to the pope, supported by King Edward, wherein it was set forth that he could not maintain a becoming estate, for that the revenues of his see did not in ordinary years exceed 20*l*., and being held immediately of the king were liable to confiscation for disobedience to the king's commands, should they be repugnant to the canon law or to those of the pope. Recital of the bull or commission of the said pope to the said archbishop, dated Avignon,

kal. May 18 Pope John XXII (see *Cal. Papal Letters*, ii. 411); of a commission by the said archbishop to the precentor, the subdean and the said canon of Wells, dated Lameth, xii kal. June 1341, upon the death of a former subdelegate during the course of the proceedings; and of a further commission to the said subdean and canon, dated Maghfeld, iiii non. September 1341, with power to complete the matter, after inquisition made and their former decree. Done at Wells, 20 September 1341, in presence of Master John de Carleton and Simon de Fareweye: attested by Stephen Trippe notary public.

R.II. f. 73-4. Compare R.III. f. 273: above p. 442.

Ratification of the above proceedings, and decree by archbishop John (as above) addressed to the parishioners of Chyw and to all whom it may concern. Dated Maghfeld, v id. November 1341: collated at Coudhurst in the diocese of Canterbury the same date, in presence of John de Horsyngton and John chamberlain of Master John de Carletone.

R.II. f. 74*d*.

(Note.—The greater part of the next leaf has been cut out).

Petition of R. de Askeby to the pope, signifying that B. Brocas had been presented to a canonry of Wells and the prebend of St. Decuman contrary to a papal provision in favour of the petitioner. (Incomplete, the leaf being cut).

R.II. f. 75*d*. See the provision, Cal. Papal Letters, III. 342.

Form of proxy by [bishop] R[alph] to act for him in the court of Rome.

Instructions attached to the same.

R.II. f. 75 *bis*.

Reply of the subdean and chapter of Wells to a letter of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, dated Claverton, xiii kal. October 1350, reciting the king's writ, tested at Wynchilse 28 August [24] Edward III, whereby the bishop was enjoined by examination of his register and of the register of the dean and chapter and otherwise to ascertain and certify whether the prebend of St. Decuman was vacant during the vacancy of the see after the death of bishop William de Marchia, and by whose death, who was next admitted thereto, upon whose collation, by what title, at what date, and how long the prebend and see remained vacant: testifying that the said prebend was filled and occupied by Robert de Glocestria canon of Wells in the time of bishop William de Marchia, during the whole vacancy of the see after his death, the whole time of bishop Walter de Haselschawe his successor, during the whole vacancy of the see after his death, and part of the time of bishop J. de Drokenesford his successor.

R.II. f. 75 *bis, dorso*.

8 March 1349. Robert Adymot claiming to be proctor of Master Bernard Brocaz, being at Wyveliscombe within the manor of Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, exhibited and delivered to the bishop the king's writ, tested at Westminster 26 February 24 Edward III, of grant or presentation to the prebend of St. Decuman in the church of Wells, therein alleged to be vacant and in the king's gift by reason of the late vacancy of the see, in favour of the said Bernard, and craved that he would execute the same. And the bishop, being occupied with divers affairs, issued a commission, dated Wyveliscombe viii id. March 1349, to Walter de London dean of Wells, to proceed in the business of the said presentation, admit the said Bernard, take his oath of obedience, etc. Done in presence of Sir John de Risyngdon rector of Jevele, Sir John de Lyncoln vicar of St. Decuman, John Chestre and Roger de Tybrighton clerks of the dioceses of Worcester and of Coventry and Lichfield: attested by William de Modbury clerk of the diocese of Exeter notary public.

R.II. f. 76.

Same date. A second instrument recording the above proceedings, the bishop's commission to the dean not being fully recited: attested as above.

R.II. f. 76*d*.

Same date. A third instrument recording the same, and certifying that no man appeared before the bishop to oppose or gainsay the above commission, within three days before or three days after the date thereof. Attested as above.

R.II. f. 77.

6 September 1351. Protestation by Ralph bishop of Bath and Wells, being in the chamber of his manor of Banewell, that he does not intend to oppose the just claims of Master Robert de Askeby, who has commenced a suit against him in the court of Rome for the prebend of St. Decuman, and for alleged contempt of Pope Clement, but to defend himself against charges of contempt, collusion, and other pretended grievances and wrongs. Done in presence of Master Robert de Netylton advocate of the court of Canterbury, Master Simon de Farewey notary public and John de Burton rector of Telesford: attested by William de Modbury notary public. (Indistinct).

R.II. f. 77*d*.

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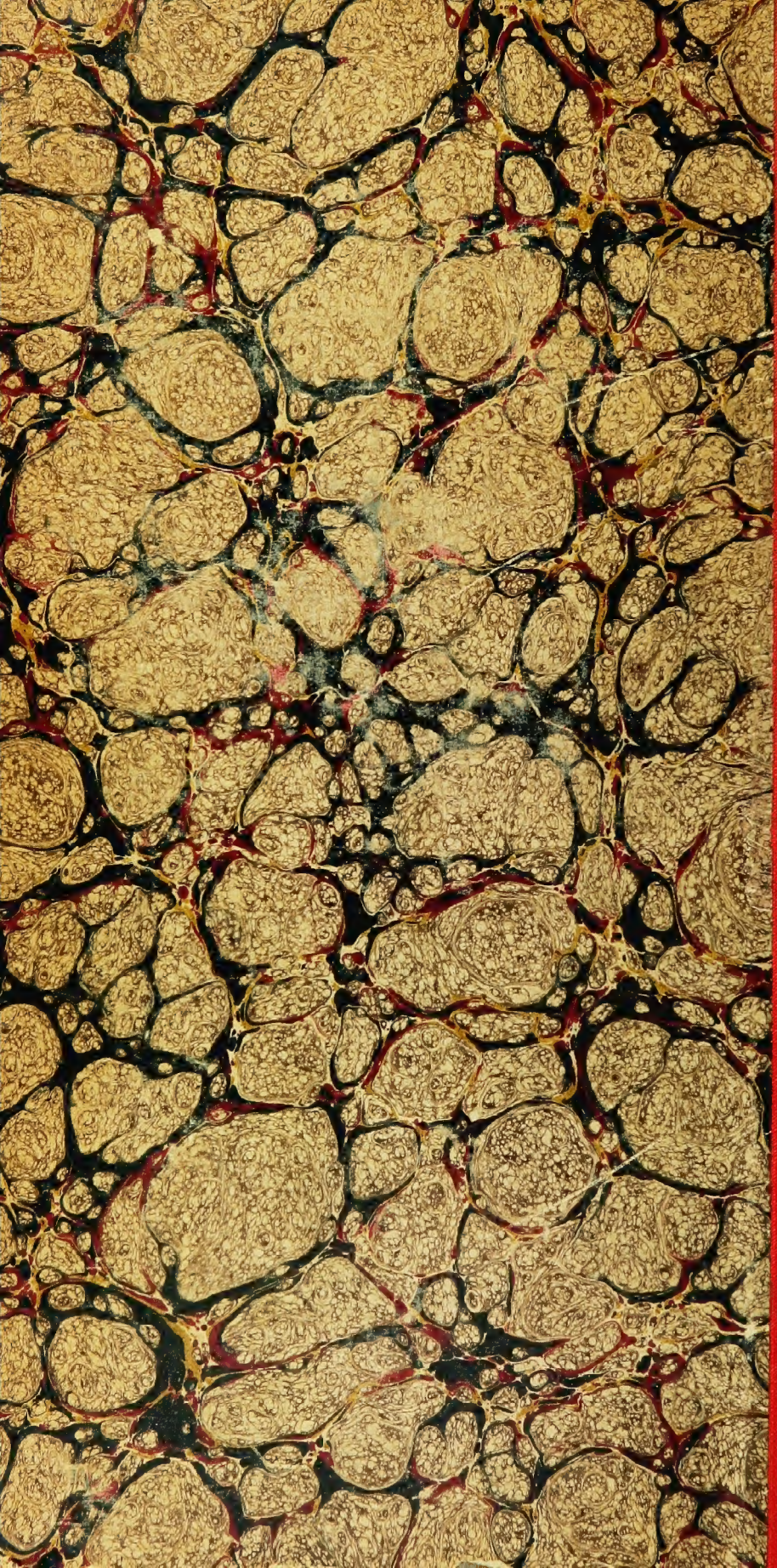
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